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India and Sri Lanka sign 7 MoUs, enhance ties in defence, energy

Agreements signed during Modi's visit cover defence, energy, digitisation, health; interest rates on loans to Sri Lanka cut; $100 million of loans converted into grants; island nation expresses gratitude to India for support in its economic recovery

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

India and Sri Lanka inked seven MoUs – including one on defence cooperation – during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the island nation on Saturday, even as Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake reaffirmed his government's commitment to ensuring that Sri Lankan territory is not used to undermine India's security or regional stability.

"We believe that we have shared security interests. The security of both countries is interconnected and co-dependent. I am grateful to President Dissanayake for his sensitivity towards India's interests," Mr. Modi said in his address following the signing of the MoUs at the Presidential Secretariat.

Strengthening cooperation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with President Anura Kumara Dissanayake ahead of a bilateral meeting at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo. AFP

Expanding cooperation

The MoUs signed were on the topics of energy sector cooperation – including energy grid connection and developing Trincomalee as an energy hub in partnership with the United Arab Emirates, digitisation efforts, health, and multi-sectoral assistance to Sri Lanka's Eastern Province, taking off on discussions held during President Dissanayake's visit to New Delhi in December 2024. Briefing the media later, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri described the defence sector MoU as an "umbrella agreement" that provided a framework to pursue ongoing defence sector cooperation in a more "structured" manner.

During the ceremony, the leaders virtually launched a cold storage plant in the central Dambulla district, and a solar power plant in the eastern Trincomalee district.

Further, India has decided to reduce the interest rates on loans extended to Sri Lanka to support the country's external debt treatment, Mr. Modi said, adding that loans totalling over $100 million have been converted to grants.

'Global leader'

"We have witnessed India's remarkable rise and success. We sincerely applaud the way India has positioned itself not only as a regional power, but also as a global leader," Mr. Dissanayake said. He later thanked India for its "unwavering commitment and support" to Sri Lanka's economic recovery and through its debt restructuring process.

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'Bottom-trawling ban must to end fisheries conflict'

COLOMBO
Sri Lanka's Tamil political leaders on Saturday urged India to ban bottom trawling in order to resolve the fisheries conflict affecting the fishermen of northern Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu. Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi general secretary M.A. Sumanthiran recalled the 2016 agreement between India and Sri Lanka to "expedite the transition towards ending the practice of bottom trawling at the earliest". » PAGE 11

Tamil parties call for India's continued role

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

The historic Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987 remains the only instrument to achieve a political solution for the Tamils of the island, and India's "legitimate involvement" will be important to reach this goal, Sri Lanka's Tamil parties told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday.

Mr. Modi, who is in the island nation on a state visit, held talks with different groups of Opposition politicians on Saturday afternoon.

He met with a delegation of leaders and representatives from Tamil parties of the north and east, including the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi (ITAK), All Ceylon Tamil Congress, People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, and the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation.

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Centre holds talks with Kuki-Zo and Meitei delegations

Team for talks: The Meitei delegation before meeting Kuki-Zo and government officials in New Delhi on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

In the first meeting between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei civil society groups organised by the Union Home Ministry on Saturday, 22 months after ethnic violence erupted in Manipur, "short-term and long-term issues" were discussed, but no decision has been arrived at, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

Free movement of all vehicles to and from Meitei-dominated valley areas, on highways passing though the Kuki-Zo-dominated hill areas, was also discussed, but no final agreement was reached, the official said. The return of internally displaced people to their homes was also deliberated upon, subject to security arrangements by the government.

Ministry officials appealed to both communities to shun violence, and return looted police weapons and deposit other arms with the security forces, the official said.

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Truckers threaten strike from April 15

BENGALURU
In the wake of increased fuel price and toll charges, the Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners' Association has threatened to go on an indefinite strike from April 15. » Page 3

Panchamasali seer's stand criticised

HUBBALLI
Leaders of the Lingayat Panchamasali community took exception to Panchamasali seer Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami's statements in favour of expelled BJP leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal and have resolved to appeal to the seer not to speak in favour of any political party. » PAGE 9

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Vance, Waltz set to visit India in April third week

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance, his wife Usha Chilukuri Vance and children are set to visit India later this month, sources confirmed here. Mr. Vance had sent out feelers for the visit to India, and in particular for a chance for a "heritage" tour for his family, given his wife is an American of South Indian origin.

As a result, while officials said the U.S. Vice President's visit will coincide with a planned visit of U.S. National Security Advisor Mike Waltz, Mr. Vance's schedule is like to be "largely private". Mr. Vance is expected to call on PM Modi, who will host a dinner for the Vance family in Delhi. The sources said the dates for the visit are likely to be April 21-24.

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People shouldn't misuse their rights in a democracy, says Shinde on Kamra row

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Speaking elaborately on the Kunal Kamra controversy for the first time, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said on Saturday that people should not misuse their rights in a democracy.

However, he clarified that he does not support the violence by Shiv Sena workers at the studio where Mr. Kamra allegedly made offensive remarks against Mr. Shinde as part of a show.

In an exclusive interview for the launch episode of 'Pulse Maharashtra' on *The Hindu*'s YouTube channel on Saturday, Mr. Shinde hinted at the Opposition party's involvement in the incident.

Eknath Shinde

"I am a peace-loving person. I tell everyone, they should let me work in peace. I don't provoke anyone. I keep working though people level allegations against me. But I never respond to allegations with counter-allegations. I reply to them with my work. That's why I could succeed as the common man's CM," he said.

'Against violence'

Asked about the violence by his party members, the Deputy Chief Minister said, "I will not support the violence that happened at the studio. But in a democracy, in the name of right to freedom of expression, to defame someone, to insult someone, is not right. Nobody should, in a democracy, misuse their rights, or follow anarchy. Everyone has rights. But we cannot take them away from someone else."

Hinting at the Opposition party's [the Shiv Sena-UBT] involvement, Mr. Shinde said, "Like someone was continuously levelling allegations against me that I had brought in an unconstitutional government. I have nothing to do with these things. I keep working. And the people have proved that they are with me. They [Opposition party] have to think. They have to introspect."

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Enact law on UCC to give justice to women: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that bringing a law on Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and its enforcement will give justice to women, achieve equality of status and opportunity for all, and accelerate the dream of equality among all women irrespective of caste and religion, the High Court of Karnataka has requested Parliament and the State legislature to make every endeavour to enact a statute on UCC.

"The enactment of legislation on UCC will achieve the object and aspirations enshrined in the Preamble of the Constitution, bringing about a true secular democratic republic, unity, integrity of the nation, securing justice, liberty, equality and fraternity," the court observed.

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Smooth cruise: An aerial view of the French carrier *Charles de Gaulle* in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Goa.

Wings secured: An MiG-29K jet with wings folded and secured on the lift of *INS Vikrant* in the Arabian Sea.

Mid-sea rendezvous: The crew of *INS Vikramaditya* looks on as the indigenous carrier *INS Vikrant* sails by in the Arabian Sea.

Might over the sea

Despite rapid proliferation of asymmetric technological platforms such as drones, there is renewed global interest in fielding carriers, especially in the Indo-Pacific

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Aircraft carriers project power like no other military platform. Despite the rapid proliferation of long-range missiles and asymmetric technological platforms such as drones, making large military platforms vulnerable, there is renewed global interest in fielding carriers, especially in the Indo-Pacific.

While the U.S. continues its dominance with its nuclear-powered super-carriers, China, which commissioned its first carrier *Liaoning* in 2012, is building its fourth one now, likely nuclear powered and a super-carrier.

The Indian Navy has a long history of operating carriers since 1961 with the erstwhile 19,500-tonne *Vikrant* purchased from the U.K. Today, it operates two medium-sized carriers diplacing over 40,000 tonnes, *INS Vikramaditya,* refurbished and acquired from Russia, and *INS Vikrant,* the country's first carrier to be indigenously designed and developed and was commissioned in September 2022.

Both launch jets with a ski-jump and recover them with a landing hook and arrestor wire. On March 5, 2023 the two carriers showcased "twin carrier operations" with MiG-29K fighter jets taking off simultaneously from both and landing cross deck as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh looked on, showcasing that *INS Vikrant* was fully operationalised.

This year, from March 19 to 22, *INS Vikrant* joined French Navy's nuclear powered carrier *Charles de Gaulle* (CDG) in the Arabian Sea off Goa for Exercise Varuna. The CDG has been on deployment in the Indian Ocean Region since November 2024 as part of the Clemeenceau-25. The CDG operates Rafale-fighters jets, and India is all set to conclude a deal for 26 of the jets to operate from both its carriers.

Firm base: A MiG-29K fighter jet aboard *INS Vikramaditya*.

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Enact law on UCC to give justice to women: HC

Justice Hanchate Sanjeevkumar made this appeal while deciding a dispute over the sharing of immovable properties, which was registered in the name of a Muslim woman, between her husband, two brothers and a sister, after her death. The husband, the brothers and sister had questioned the manner in which the civil court had given them the share over her properties.

The husband claimed right over all the properties on the grounds that it was he who had purchased the properties in the name of his wife and hence he alone should be entitled to them while citing the law of succession, including the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. However, the brothers and the sister contended that the deceased sister had purchased the properties.

While pointing out that the law on inheritance is different under the Mohammedan law from Hindu law, the court said, "Women in India are all equal but the personal law according to religion makes difference among the women though they are citizens of India. When under the Hindu law, a daughter is given equal status and right in all respects, enjoying rights as that of a son, the same is not so under the Mahommedan law. Therefore, this court is of the opinion that our country needs UCC with respect of their personal laws and religion. Only then the object of Article 14 of the Constitution of India will be achieved."

In the present case, the High Court said as per Mohammedan law, the sister is entitled to share as residuary but not as sharer, while pointing out that this is one of the circumstances of discrimination between brothers and sister under Mohammedan law but that discrimination is not found under Hindu law. Pointing out that UCC was the most debated issue in the Constituent Assembly, the court pointed out that B.R. Ambedkar, Chairman of Constitution drafting committee, had argued in favour of UCC.

Service charge: To pay or not to pay

Delhi High Court, in a recent judgment, noted that service charge on restaurant bills must be voluntary, not mandatory

Chandan M. Naik
Raghav H.S.
BENGALURU

As the debate around the payment of service charges in hotels and restaurants continues, the service staff in the city say that these are not mere perks, but a necessity to them.

The Delhi High Court, in a recent judgment, noted that the service charge on restaurant bills must be voluntary, not mandatory. The court ruled that "the mandatory collection of service charge is contrary to law and violates the guidelines".

"I make around ₹14,000 per month with my salary in the restaurant, and the service charges bring in about ₹2,500 a month as an incentive. It helps me pay my bills on time and sometimes buy essentials for my family," shared Anil, a waiter at a mid-tier restaurant in Bengaluru.

At a high-end restaurant in the city, server Priya earns a base salary of ₹16,000, bolstered by a ₹3,000 monthly incentive from service charges. "It's a big help, I use it to support my family and my younger sister's education," she noted.

Service staff at many city-based restaurants say these tips are not mere perks but a necessity to them. PTI

Tip vs service charge

Service charge at restaurants is not just for the wait staff, but is divided among many other employees, including security guards, dishwasher, among others, said the service staff speaking to *The Hindu*.

However, they also said not all establishments distribute these funds equally or fully to staff. Some restaurant managers also admitted using it for maintenance charges.

A fine-dining chain owner admitted, "Service charges are meant for employees, but often, only 5-6% reaches them. The rest covers wear and tear of crockery and cutlery."

A manager at a well-known café and bar in Church Street said the 10% service charge they levy supports their employees, including cleaning staff, waiters, among others. It covers a portion of maintenance, and the rest is an incentive for the team, paid out by the 25th of each month alongside their salaries, he added.

On the other hand, P.C. Rao, president of Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers Association (BBHA), said there is a decline in tipping due to the rise of digital payments.

Flipside of digital payments

The wait staff at restaurants also noted that the tipping culture has taken a hit in recent years due to the advent of digital payments.

"Customers generally leave a tip between ₹20 and ₹50, but now, since most pay online, the tips have come down. The service charge that's levied on customers, however, is equally distributed among all of us in the service team," noted a waiter from a well-known restaurant in Malleswaram.

Meanwhile, a manager at a popular restaurant in Malleswaram said that they incorporate it in the food prices itself instead of levying service charge separately.

Explaining the rationale behind some restaurants charging a service charge and some others not doing so, Ashish Kothari, a former owner of pubs and restaurants in the city, said that it might be because of the kind of crowd.

"I cannot clearly say why, but maybe it is because at darshinis and small restaurants, the staff might find it difficult to explain the logic behind the service charge. But at fine dining and other places, the patrons usually understand the logic when staff members give an explanation," Mr. Kothari said.

But not all customers are on board. "If the service charge reaches the staff, then I don't mind paying it. But if the owner holds back a percentage, then it's unfair—the owner is already making a profit from the sales. I think a service charge of 1-2% on the total bill should be fine; 5-10% seems too much. A tipping range between ₹20 and ₹50 feels fair at the present time," said Pradeep, a resident of Malleswaram.

Man arrested for killing estranged wife

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 42-year-old man was arrested for allegedly murdering his estranged wife in a fit of rage suspecting her fidelity in Electronics City on Friday night.

The victim, identified as 35-year-old Sharada from Bagepalli in Chikkaballapur district, was employed as a domestic worker. According to the police, her husband, Krishna, a daily wage labourer, frequently consumed alcohol and was often involved in arguments with her.

Police said that the couple had been living separately for the past few months. While their son stayed with Krishna, their daughter was living with Sharada.

"Krishna had been harbouring suspicions about Sharada's character and had accused her of being involved in an extra-marital relationship on several occasions. On Friday night, he allegedly went to her residence in an intoxicated state and attacked her with a knife before fleeing from the spot," police said.

With no takers for tenders, BU's Food Court has not served students for over a decade

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

A group of three students who had just finished one of their MA examinations were eating 'pani-puri' from a chaat cart in the middle of Bangalore University's Jnana Bharathi campus. Behind them, sprawled across a large area was the university's Food Court – its doors shuttered with a lock, windows broken and the entire premises abandoned.

At one of Bengaluru's most prestigious campuses, students have no choice but to depend on food sold by private vendors as the University only runs a couple of small canteens. The Food Court near the Civil Engineering Department has not been open for almost over 15 years now.

Food Court at BU's Jnana Bharathi campus in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

"We are in the second year of our course and we have never seen the Food Court open," said the trio. "There is only one canteen near the academic block, and we have a few shops which sell snacks near the Kannada Department. Otherwise, our only option is to eat from such chaat stalls," said one of them.

Jayakara S.M., vice chancellor, BU, said that although three tenders were floated to run the canteen in the Food Court, there had been no bidders. The latest tender was floated this year and the last date to submit bids was February 10.

"We do not know the exact reason why nobody is coming forward. But some think that because there are hostels on the campus, the canteen might not do brisk business," he added.

Students and some local vendors say that bidders do not come forward due to BU's proposal of providing the space for rent. "They fix the rent at ₹15,000 per month. It is such a large space and whoever runs it will need at least 8-10 staff members. The cost of operating it would be too much and that is why no private parties are coming forward," said Bhagya, who sells chaat in front of the Food Court. As proof of the demand for food on the campus, she says that she earns around ₹7,000-₹8,000 on average.

Lokesh Ram, Vice-President of Bangalore University Postgraduate and Research Scholars Union, says that the university should try a lease model instead of a rent model to attract more bidders.

"Private entities will not be ready to make any renovations and use the Food Court if the rent agreement is only for a year or so. Instead, if it is a five-year lease, then they would definitely want to consider it. Apart from providing good quality food for students, the Food Court can also serve as a lively space to socialise on campus, bringing together students from various streams," Mr. Ram said.

However, Mr. Jayakara said that if any bidders come forward, then the university is ready to negotiate the terms. "We will provide a subsidised rent structure and help whoever comes forward. We will be floating another tender soon," he said.

Karnataka, Chile forge partnership

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This makes Chile the first Latin American country to join Karnataka's Global Innovation Alliance initiative

In a move towards enhancing international collaboration in science, technology, and innovation, the Government of Karnataka signed a letter of intent (LoI) with the Government of Chile on Saturday. The agreement was formalised during the Innovation Summit held here, during the visit of Chile President Gabriel Boric and his delegation.

With this, Chile has become the first Latin American country to join Karnataka's Global Innovation Alliance (GIA), an initiative that brings together over 30 countries to promote cross-border collaboration in research, and entrepreneurship.

Global hub

The alliance aims to strengthen Karnataka's role as a global hub for technological advancements, fostering partnerships with countries worldwide.

During the summit, Mr. Boric expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, highlighting Chile's growing innovation ecosystem, and inviting Karnataka's start-ups and tech companies to explore opportunities in South America. He emphasised Chile's commitment to global collaborations and its openness to foreign ventures. Minister for Information Technology, Biotechnology, and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Priyank Kharge underscored Karnataka's status as a leading hub for emerging industries. He noted that the partnership with Chile represents the beginning of a deeper and more fruitful collaboration between the innovation ecosystems of both regions.

"Karnataka offers unmatched talent, thriving start-up energy, and a mature infrastructure. With Chile's dynamic efforts to build a strong tech ecosystem, this partnership can unlock exciting new opportunities for both sides," said the Minister.

Meeting with Governor

Mr. Boric also held a meeting with Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at Raj Bhavan. The discussion involved key Chilean officials, Ministers, and senior officials from Karnataka, including Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, focusing on enhancing bilateral relations and exploring new avenues for cooperation in various sectors.

New bonsai garden to be ready in a year

The garden at Lalbagh Botanical Park has been under renovation for over two years now

Chandan M. Naik
BENGALURU

The officials of the Horticulture Department said that the renovation of the bonsai garden inside Lalbagh Botanical Park will be completed by March next year. The garden has been under renovation for over two years now.

With the facelift, the garden will feature a bonsai eco shop, refined landscaping, a central fountain within a bonsai circle, an expanded variety of bonsais, and a bonsai gallery.

In January this year, after the completion of the first phase of renovation at a cost of ₹50- ₹60 lakh, the garden was opened to the public in its revamped form.

Set up in 2003

The bonsai garden situated near the Double Road entrance of Lalbagh is spread across an area of two and a half acres.

Bonsai display in the garden at Lalbagh. CHANDAN M. NAIK

Before the renovation work began, there were already 700 bonsai trees in the garden.

The garden was set up in 2003 after S. Srinivas, who was popularly known as Bonsai Srinivas, had donated his collection of over 450 bonsai plants. The bonsai trees are also displayed during the two flower shows held in Lalbagh annually.

The upgraded garden will feature around 200 new bonsai trees, well-laid pathways, a Japanese pagoda-style entrance, and a bonsai display with bamboo background and fencing.

"Bonsai culture is a part of the garden, and we wanted to enhance it. Work such as the installation of directions and information boards is still pending, and it will take another year to complete. We will resume the work in June," said M. Jagadeesh, Joint Director of Horticulture (Parks and Gardens) at Lalbagh.

The work also includes the construction of a bonsai gallery for the visitors.

The officials also said that Anupama Vedachala, a city-based international bonsai expert has been assisting in the redevelopment of the garden for three years now.

The visitors who have noticed the changes gave their approval to the garden. "Quite a lot has changed here in the bonsai garden. There were no pathways before; they are newly laid down now. The park looks more spacious and well-designed," said Rajath, a frequent visitor of Lalbagh from Basavanagudi.

"The garden needed this renovation as it always looked a bit dull before. Now, it looks more vibrant and I am excited to see how it looks once all the work is completed," said Sakshi K., another regular visitor from Wilson Garden.

BMSCE convocation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A total of 720 Engineering UG, M. Tech, and MCA students received their degrees during Convocation Ceremony-2 for the 2024 batch of BMS College of Engineering (BMSCE) on Saturday, April 5.

The event celebrated the academic achievements of the graduating batch. Mahadev Prasanna, Director IIIT - Dharwad, was the chief guest. Other dignitaries included Principal Bheemsha Arya, P. Dayananda Pai, Trustee and Chairman of BMSCE, B.S. Ragini Narayan, Donor Trustee of BMS Educational Trust, and Aviram Sharma, Trustee.

In his address, Prof. Mahadev Prasanna urged students to embrace innovation and lifelong learning. He encouraged them to pursue their aspirations with dedication.

The dignitaries emphasised that the technical skills gained at BMSCE would be a strong foundation for their future careers.

Golf club to axe 22 trees but BBMP's forest cell says permission not given yet

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Golf Club (BGC), situated near Sankey Road, is set to axe 22 trees as a part of the annual maintenance. It will be shut for about a week. However, the forest cell of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said it was yet to give permission for the felling of trees.

"The trees are hollow inside and either rotten or structurally weak. The forest cell of the BBMP identified such trees and marked them for cutting," Honorary Secretary of the BGC, S.K. Raghunandan told *The Hindu*, adding that during rain, the branches are falling, posing dangers to the members/golf players."

However, Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF), BBMP Forest Cell, B.L.G Swamy, said, "We have neither marked the trees nor have given permission to cut the trees."

Mr. Swamy, who is also the Tree Officer, said, "The application for felling of trees was received on Friday, and permission cannot be given in a day or two." Mr. Swamy further said after receiving the applications, the forest officials will inspect the trees to ascertain the claims of the BGC.

According to the rules, if they secure permission, applicants have to plant 30 saplings for each tree that has been cut. The application letter of the BGA accessed by *The Hindu* said, "The reasons for tree removal are basically for safety and tree health. We believe it is necessary to remove these trees to prevent any potential damage or hazard."

A source in the club alleged that the reason cited for the felling of the trees is misleading and that about four months back, the management attempted to cut these trees but dropped the idea after facing opposition from a section of members.

The source further alleged that the BGC is acting on the plan of the Garden Superintendent, who has advised the management to cut trees to increase sunlight on the greens.

The golf course currently plays to a yardage of 6,118 yards from the Blue tees and 5,278 yards from the Red tees. Blue tees are usually the back tees or championship tees, meant for advanced or professional male golfers. When the course is played from the blue tees, the total length of all 18 holes combined is 6,118 yards. Red tees are often the forward tees, commonly used by women or beginners. From these tees, the total course length is shorter – 5,278 yards.

Flight ready: A Rafale-M jet being secured on the lift of *Charles de Gaulle* to be taken from the hangar to the flight deck above.

All clear: An E-2 Hawkeye early warning aircraft prepares to land on the *Charles de Gaulle* during Exercise Varuna held in March.

Touch down: A Rafale-M jet about to trap on to the arrestor wire with its hook while landing on *Charles de Gaulle*.

Pause button: A Navy man takes a break on the flight deck of *Charles de Gaulle*, with a Rafale-M in the background.

Elite squad: Rafale jets lined up on the flight deck of *Charles de Gaulle*, while other ships from the carrier strike group line up behind it.

Cab drivers welcome Centre's 'Sahkar Taxi'

The plan of State government to develop its own app aiming to provide an alternative to private aggregators remains in limbo

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Cab drivers in the State have expressed support for the Central government's decision to launch a cooperative ride-hailing service named 'Sahkar Taxi'. The plan of the government of Karnataka to introduce its own app remains in limbo.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah recently revealed the government's vision for a cooperative taxi service, stating that, in the near future, a system would be established wherein two-wheelers, taxis, autorickshaws, and four-wheelers could be registered. He further emphasised that the revenue generated would go directly to the drivers, unlike private aggregators that deduct a significant amount as commission.

Currently, private entities own and operate ride-hailing applications, often retaining a significant portion of drivers' earnings as commission. This has been a major point of contention among cab and auto drivers. Various unions have raised concerns about the substantial commission fees imposed by private aggregators, which they claim severely impact drivers' earnings and financial stability.

The Centre's initiative seeks to establish a democratic structure where willing taxi drivers form a cooperative society and take charge of its operations. FILE PHOTO

The Centre's proposed cooperative model aims to address these grievances. According to a statement released by the Ministry of Cooperation, the initiative seeks to establish a democratic structure where willing taxi drivers form a cooperative society and take charge of its operations. The goal is to ensure equitable distribution of profit among members while simultaneously improving their working conditions and overall earnings. Additionally, the initiative is expected to enhance service quality for customers.

'Optimistic, sceptical'

Several cab drivers' unions have welcomed the Central government's move, believing it could offer a more sustainable alternative to existing platforms.

"This cooperative model is a step in the right direction. We have been struggling with high commission rates for years, and a government-backed alternative can finally give us the financial freedom we need," said C. Sampath, general secretary of Adarsha Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union.

However, not all drivers are optimistic. Some cab drivers remain sceptical about the feasibility of the initiative.

"We have seen many government-backed projects fail due to inefficiency and poor execution. While the idea sounds promising, its success depends on how well it is implemented. If bureaucratic hurdles delay payments and bookings, it won't be any different from existing problems," said Tanveer Pasha, president of Ola Uber Drivers' and Owners' Association.

In 2023, the Transport Department of Karnataka announced a plan to develop a State-run taxi and autorickshaw booking platform, aiming to provide an alternative to private aggregators. This decision was made in response to mounting complaints from drivers and passengers about the exploitative practices of private ride-hailing companies.

The Transport Department formally requested the e-Governance Department to initiate development of the mobile application. However, no substantial progress has been made so far.

A senior official from the Transport Department claimed that the project failed to take off due to the extensive groundwork required.

"The development of such an application involves multiple technical and logistical challenges. Ensuring a seamless backend operation, addressing legal complexities, and maintaining a reliable user interface are all crucial factors. Unfortunately, the project has not moved forward as expected," the official said.

High commission

Despite ongoing discussions and plans, the burden of high commission fees continues to plague both drivers and customers. Many drivers argue that the increasing operational costs and the substantial share deducted by private companies leave them with meagre earnings.

M. Manjunath, president of the Adarsha Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union, highlighted the adverse impact of these commissions. "Before these private companies entered the market, there was a friendly connection between drivers and passengers," he said. "Now, that trust has been eroded. These platforms charge customers ₹100 for a two-kilometre ride but pay drivers only ₹30. This is unfair to both parties. Neither passengers nor drivers should bear the brunt of such exploitative practices."

In 2022, the Bengaluru Auto Drivers' Unions and the Welfare Associations' Federation, an umbrella body representing several driver unions, urged the Transport Department to take strict action against unregulated ride-hailing apps and illegal bike taxi services.

This gap in policy led to the emergence of Namma Yatri, a driver-centric ride-hailing app launched by the Auto Rickshaw Driver Union (ARDU). The app was built on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) framework, and developed with the assistance of Juspay Technologies Private Limited.

Namma Yatri gained traction as an alternative platform, allowing drivers to connect directly with customers without paying hefty commissions to aggregators. However, it remains a relatively small player compared to the larger private companies dominating the sector.

Price hikes: Truckers threaten indefinite strike from April 15

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the wake of increased fuel and toll prices, the Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners' Association has threatened to go on an indefinite strike from April 15.

The president of the association, G.R. Shanmugappa, in a press meet held on Saturday, while giving an ultimatum to the State government, said unless the government withdraws the price hikes before April 14, the association will hold an indefinite strike from April 15.

He said the rate was raised by another ₹2 a litre on April 1 after the diesel price hike of ₹3 a litre in June 2024. This sudden increase, implemented without warning, has placed a heavy burden on the transport sector, he said.

He argued that when diesel prices were higher in neighbouring States, out-of-State trucks used to refuel in Karnataka, which led to a significant tax revenue for the State's treasury. However, the current hike is likely to reverse this trend, as those vehicles may now avoid refuelling within Karnataka. The result, he warned, could be a sharp decline in revenue from fuel taxes. Additionally, concerns have been raised regarding the toll fees on State highways. He said Karnataka currently operates 18 state highway toll booths and collects fees despite truckers already paying road taxes and a road cess on diesel. He noted that no other State in the country levies tolls on state highways, making Karnataka's policy uniquely burdensome.

He also said the State government has increased Fitness Certificate fees to ₹15,000, and this is unfair and said the government should withdraw all price hikes or face protest.

This sudden increase, implemented without warning, has placed a heavy burden on the transport sector. FILE PHOTO

'The rate was raised by another ₹2 a litre on April 1 after the diesel price hike of ₹3 a litre in June 2024'

Somanna inspects ongoing ROB work

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti, V. Somanna, on Friday inspected the ongoing construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) No. 431 between Padarayanapura and Hosahalli in Bengaluru.

The new ROB, being built at a cost of ₹12 crore, will replace the old structure that has completed its codal life. The bridge, featuring a 42-metre Bow String Girder, aims to improve connectivity between Vijayanagar and Mysuru Road. Mr. Somanna reviewed the progress of work and directed railway officials to ensure the project is completed within the stipulated timeline.

Bring in 'Rohith Act' to end caste atrocities in educational institutions: Activists

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A demonstration was held at Freedom Park of Bengaluru on Saturday by students, activists and various progressive organisations to demand that the State government announce steps to bring in the 'Rohith Act' to end caste atrocities and discrimination against Dalit and Bahujan students in educational institutions in Karnataka, on or before April 14, 2025.

It began by remembering the legacy of Babu Jagjivan Ram, former Deputy Prime Minister of India.

Activists under the banner of 'Campaign for Rohith Act' hold a demonstration at Freedom Park, Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Addressing the gathering, Mavalli Shankar, State convener of Dalit Sangarsha Samiti (DSS), said, "We are seeing how Dalit students are continuously losing their lives in universities. The Prime Minister makes eloquent speeches on equality but does he ever take action against his own friends who are causing these institutional murders?"

K.P. Ashwini, Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism at UNHRC, said, "People think caste discrimination is a thing of the past. But that's not true. We are pushing for a separate law because the Prevention of Atrocities Act has no specific guidelines for addressing caste discrimination in higher educational institutions. Before April 14, the State government must at least bring in a committee to discuss the Rohit Act."

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RISE 14:12	SET 02:28
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RISE 15:03	SET 03:11

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Tenderis invited from the eligible Bidders for Supply of Surgical Glovesto Medical College Hospital, BMCRC, Ballarion Rate Contract for a period of **One year**under Two bid system through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka as per the KTPP Act-1999-2000. The interested Bidders are informed to submit the proposal in priscribed format in above said e-portal on are before **21.04.2025 @5.00PM**. The total approximate cost of tender is **Rs.199.89Lakhs** Further details may be obtained in the above said website and **www.bmcrcballari.karnataka.gov.in**.

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No: EE/RI-Mahadevapura/Tend/01/2025-26 Date: 05.04.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only) The Executive Engineer, RI-Mahadevapura Division, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Works
Annual Maintenance of Arterial and Sub-Arterial Road including footpath in Bellanduru ward of Mahadevapura Constituency area of RI Mahadevapura Division **Appx. Amount put to Tender(Exlusive of GST in Lakhs): ₹72.50 Lakhs, EMD: ₹1,45,000.00**
Annual Maintenance of Arterial and Sub-Arterial Road including footpath in Hoodi, Kadugodi, Garudacharpalya, Doddanekundi ward of Mahadevapura Constituency area of RI Mahadevapura Division **Appx. Amount put to Tender(Exlusive of GST in Lakhs): ₹72.50 Lakhs, EMD: ₹1,45,000.00**
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Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the kpp portal of the Government of Karnataka from **08.04.2025** onwards. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through kpp portal on or before **21.04.2025** at **4:00** pm. (3) Availability of Tender Documents on **08.04.2025** onwards. (4) Pre bid meeting on **16.04.2025** at **4:00** pm (5) Last date for Receipt of queries on **16.04.2025** up to **11:00** am. (6) Last date & time for Receipt of tenders **21.04.2025** at **4:00** pm.(7) Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid on **22.04.2025** at **4:30** pm. (8) Date & time for opening of Financial Bid (Will be intimated to Technically qualified bidders)

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RI - Mahadevapura Division

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(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri M.Nanjappa S/o Late M.N.Maradaiah, has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from**"Agriculture" Zone to "Commercial"** purpose pertaining to Sy.No:173/3 extent of 00Acre-20Guntas and Sy.No:173/4 extent of 00Acre-10Guntas Totally measuring 00Acre-30Guntas of Kesare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid lands are reserved for Agriculture zone in approved Master plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1. By developing the Commercial Activity in the above said lands, the poor and middle class people will get shops at reasonable price and Job opportunities.
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1) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2746 Dtd: 02.04.2025. Providing, replacing, strengthening of dry / wet fly ash conveying line of unit 5 & 6 of RTPS.

2) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2747 Dtd: 02.04.2025. Providing, replacing, strengthening of dry / wet fly ash conveying line of unit 7 & 8 of RTPS.

3) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2493/CALL-3 Dated: 02.04.2025. Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of exhaust fans of various capacities in various areas like switch gear, cable galleries, battery rooms, ESP, compressor area etc. of units 5 to 8 at RTPS. **EMD:** Rs. 43,500/-.

4) INDENT NO: KPCL/2024-25/OW/WORK INDENT2750 Dtd: 02.04.2025. Online replacement of damaged AC pipes to new PVC or AC pipes and replacement of damaged nozzles of Unit-5 & 6 Cooling Tower work at RTPS". **Amount put to tender:** Rs.29.225 Lakhs (Excluding GST).

Last date for submission of completed tender document : 12.04.2025 16.00 Hrs. for Sl. No.1 & 2., 15.04.2025, up to 16.30 Hrs. for Sl. No.3. 09.04.2025, up to 17.00 Hrs. for Sl. No.4. Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (AHP-2), for Sl. No.1& 2, Mob : 9449596551. Executive Engineer (LT-2) for Sl. No.3, Mob : 9449596531. Executive Engineer (PCM-1) for Sl. No.4, Mob : 8861592060. RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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3. **Parking & Pay and Use:** 03.04.2025, 04.04.2025, 07.04.2025, 23.04.2025
4. **Parcel:** 28.04.2025
5. **Advertising, ATM & Misc:** 09.04.2025, 10.04.2025, 11.04.2025, 15.04.2025, 16.04.2025, 17.04.2025, 22.04.2025, 23.04.2025, 24.04.2025, 25.04.2025, 29.04.2025, 30.04.2025.

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My client **M.Jaikumar** has negotiated to purchase the Property, which is more fully described in the Schedule below from its Owners **Mr. Atul. N. Shah @ Atul Nagindas Shah S/o Late Nagindas B Shah R/a No 19,4th cross, 4Th block, Kumar Park west extension, Bangalore – 560020.**

Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever in, upon or to the Schedule Property or to any portion thereof, by way of any easement or under agreements, arrangements, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage, exchange or under any deed/ instrument easement or however otherwise, may submit his/her/its/their objection/s claim/s, in writing to me at the under mentioned address, through Registered Post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within 10 days of the issuance of this notice, failing which my clients will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.5/3, Old Sy.No.5/1, measuring 36.12 guntas, situated at Chikkelluru Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on:: East by : Road and Muniyappa's Land; West by : Private Property; North by : Muniyappa's Land; and South by : Remaining extent in Sy.No.5/1;

(PAVAN G.N) Advocate,
O/a No.8, SUNAGA ARCADE, 1st Main, 8th Cross, 3rd Floor, Sampangiramanagar, Opp. To Srirama Mandira, Bengaluru-560027. Ph.No.9900003663

Bengaluru, Dated: 05.04.2025

ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಉಪ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು (ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಮತ್ತು ಟಿ.ಡಿ.ಆರ್)ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಅನೆಕ್ಸ್ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್–3, ಎನ್.ಆರ್.ಚೌಕ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 02

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಲ್ಎಕ್ಯೂ/ಸಿಆರ್/125/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.03.2025

"ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2013" ರ ಕಲಂ 11(1) ಮೇರೆಗೆ

ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶದ Construction of Elavated Coridor by intergrating Ejipura Main Road – Inner Ring Road Junction, Sony World Junction and Kendriya Sadana Junction along 100 ft Inner Ring Road Koramangala, Bengaluru ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅನುಸೂಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:30)ಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:23–07–2019 ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2019 (2019ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:16)ರ ಕಲಂ 10 (ಂ) ರಡಿ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ–II & III ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಂಇ 04 ಎಕ್ಕೂಬಿ 2020, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28–03–2022ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:28–03–2022 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:30) ರ ಕಲಂ 12 ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ಉಪ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು (ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ) ಇವರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ನೇಮಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಮೋಜಣಿದಾರರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವವರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಯಾರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾಡಕೂಡದೆಂದು ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:30) ರ ಕಲಂ 11(1) ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿರುವ ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಂದದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ವಿಕ್ರಯಿಸುವ ಕ್ರಮ, ಭೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅಡವಿಡುವ, ಅನುಭವಿಸುವ, ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ನೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳದಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಐತೀರ್ಪು ರಚಿಸುವಾಗ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಆರ್‌ಡಿ/221/ಎಕ್ಕೂಬಿ 2024 ದಿನಾಂಕ:21.02.2025ರಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಲು ಮೂಲ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2013ರ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ–II ರಡಿ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಪರಿಣಾಮ ನಿರ್ಧರಣಾ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ (SIA) ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ–III ರ ಕಲಂ 10ನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ. ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:30) ರ ಕಲಂ–15(1)ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ 60 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ತದನಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮುನ್ಸೂಚನೆ ನೀಡದೇ ವಿಲೇಗೆ ಹಾಕಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಒಂದು ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಕೊಠಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:208, ಎರಡನೆ ಮಹಡಿ, ಅನೆಕ್ಸ್–3 ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಇಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಬೇಗೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮ: ತ್ಯಾನಿವಾಗಿಲು,

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು: ಮಾಲೀಕರ ಹೆಸರು (ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ ಖಾತೆಯಂತೆ)	ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ. ನಂ	ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರ್	ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರಿನ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಚ.ಮೀಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಚ.ಮೀಗಳಲ್ಲಿ: ಕೃಷಿ/ಕೃಷಿಯೇತರ	ಖರಾಬು	ಒಟ್ಟು	ತರಹ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ/ಸರಹದ್ದು: ಪೂ	ಪ	ಉ	ದ
1	ಡಿ.ಆರ್.ಗಿರಿರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ	–	68–103–23	–	198.35	4.48	–	4.48	–	ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–113–23 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
2	ಎ.ಸುಬ್ರಮಣಿ ಬಿನ್ ಆರ್ಮುಗಮ್	–	68–244–21/A	–	50.36	21.64	–	21.64	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–21/A ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
3	ಎಮ್.ಜಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಪೆರಿಯಣ್ಣ @ ಮುಗಣ್ಣ	–	68–244–4	–	23.23	21.15 2.08	–	23.23	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು
4	ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ	–	68–244–5	–	132.85	41.94	–	41.94	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–6 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
5	ಎನ್.ಮುನಿರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	–	68–244–6	–	37.16	27.45 9.71	–	37.16	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು
6	ಕೆ.ಮುನಿಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ ವಿ.ಮಂಜುಳ	–	68–321–7/1 68–244–20	–	25.54 122.63	25.25 18.00	–	43.25	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100ಅಡಿರಸ್ತೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 68–244–7/1	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–20 ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–20 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
7	ಜಸ್‌ದೀಪ್ ಸಿಂಗ್ ಬಿನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಗಿರಿಧರ್ ಸಿಂಗ್ & ಇತರರು	–	68–244–8	–	122.63	29.14	–	29.14	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–8 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
8	ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣ್ ಆರ್	–	68–244–9	–	82.22	26.28	–	26.28	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–9 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
9	ಟಿ. ಪಾರ್ಥಸಾರಥಿ & ಸುಜಾತ ಪಾರ್ಥಸಾರಥಿ	–	68–244–1	–	45.29	31.62 13.67	–	45.29	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ
10	ಸಿ.ರಮೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ	–	68–244–32	–	301.18	7.80	–	7.80	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–32 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
11	ಎಲ್.ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಯ್ಯ	–	68–244–33	–	311.59	10.56	–	10.56	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–33 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
12	ಎಲ್.ಚಿನ್ನಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಯ್ಯ	–	68–318–35	–	66.42	6.38	–	6.38	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	5ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–318–35 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
13	ಎಂ.ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಲ್. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ	–	68–244–35	–	245.72	57.54	–	57.54	–	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–35 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
14	ಡಿ.ಆರ್.ಗಿರಿರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ	–	68–244–36	–	145.48	55.09	–	55.09	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–36 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
15	ಎಲ್.ಚಿನ್ನಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಯ್ಯ	–	68–318–35	–	142.65	45.91	–	45.91	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–244–35 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
16	ಎಮ್.ಶಶಿಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಲ್. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ	–	68–318–36	–	116.12	28.31	–	28.31	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:68–318–36 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
17	M/s Indraprastha Shelter Pvt Ltd	–	68–13–23	–	2416.01	85.29	–	85.29	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 68–13–23 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ರಸ್ತೆ
18	Sufia Jawad	–	68–22–540/567	–	310.34	13.59	–	13.59	–	ರಸ್ತೆ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 68–22–540/567 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ
19	M/s Aunaragh Family Trust Dr.A.B.Malaka Reddy Dr.Mahadevi Dr.Anuraag	–	68–244–26	–	934.41	27.39	–	27.39	–	ರಸ್ತೆ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 68–244–26 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ
20	ಎ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಅಣ್ಣಯ್ಯಪ್ಪ	–	68–13–22	–	27.49	5.60	–	5.60	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 68–13–22 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ
21	ಎಮ್.ದನರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಎ.ಮುನಿಕೃಷ್ಣ & ಎಮ್.ಸುರೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎ.ಮುನಿಕೃಷ್ಣ	–	68–13–21	–	27.49	5.60	–	5.60	–	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 68–13–21 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ
22	Masood Ahmed Khan S/o late Aftab Ahmed Khan & Ishrath Jebeen Masood W/o Mr. Masood Ahmed Khan	–	68–274–16	–	381.82	6.48	–	6.48	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 68–274–16 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ರಸ್ತೆ
23	Apsari Begum D/o Dr.Mohamme Ahmmed Delvi	–	66–137–48	–	89.10	41.76	–	41.76	–	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 66–137–48 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು
24	M/s Bhabatarini Griha Nirman Pvt Ltd	–	66–137–57	–	891.86	36.76	–	36.76	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:66–137–57 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
25	Nirmal Kumar Jaipuria S/o Late Mr.Biswanath Jaipuria, Aditya Jaipuria S/oNirmal Kumar Jaipuria, Vikram Jaipuria S/o Nirmal Kumar Jaipuria,	–	66–137–55	–	891.86	12.20	–	12.20	–	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	100 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:66–137–55 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
26	M/s FAB India Over seas Limited	–	66–137–54	–	891.86	9.11	–	9.11	–

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Minimum raise of Bid Price in multiples of Rs. 500 per sq. mtr.

Last date & time to express interest of participation in e-Auction: 03.05.2025, 5.00 p.m. IST

Date of commencement of Live Bidding (For Sl. No. 1 to 46: 05.05.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST
Last date for bid closing: 06.05.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Date of commencement of Live Bidding (For Sl. No. 47 to 87: 06.05.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST
Last date for bid closing: 07.05.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Anjanapura Township 1st Block, Anjanapura Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
1	257	(12.00+3.20)/2	12.00	91.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 64,000/-

Further Extension of Anjanapura 10th Block, Kembathahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
2	1131	12.00	5.50	66.00
3	1180	12.00	(12.00+9.30)/2	127.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73,200/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
4	1376	10.00	10.00	100.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 63,400/-

Further Extension of Anjanapura 11th Block, Kembathahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
5	982	18.00	(15.00+6.80)/2	196.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 83,500/-

Anjanapura Township 3rd 'A' Block, Anjanapura Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
6	110	14.00	24.00	336.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 67,500/-

Anjanapura Township 4th Block, Anjanapura Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
7	355	20.50	18.00	369.00
8	29	(14.00+8.80)/2	23.00	262.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 70,200/-

Further Extension of Anjanapura 9th Block, Gollahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
9	237/A	12.20	(4.00+2.70)/2	40.87

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 77,800/-
Contact : 8660907357

Arkavathi Layout 15th Block Thanisandra Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
10	221/A	34.00	(3.00+4.00)/2	126.28

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 71,500/-
Contact : 9110403634

Banashankari 5th Stage Uttarahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
11	235	(9.30+5.50)/2	12.20	90.28

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 80,600/-

Banashankari 6th Stage 1st Block Turahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
12	100/H	7.00	12	84.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 68,500/-
Contact : 9482666333

Banashankari 6th Stage, 2nd Block, Hemmigepura Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
13	1263/A	18.00	(26.0+30.0)/2	504.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 70,500/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 3rd Block, Hemmigepura Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
14	1912	(16.90+17.10)/2	12	204.00
15	2020	(27.50+43.00)/2	12	423.00
16	2100	(19.00+32.00)/2	18	387.00
17	2494	12.00	9.2	37.80
18	493	(10.00+12.60)/2	24	271.20
19	541	24.00	(15.30+19.60)/2	418.80
20	963	13.60	18	244.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 74,100/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th Block, Lingadeeranahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
21	2520	(20.00+21.00)/2	18	369.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69,300/-

Further Extension of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'B' Block, B M Kaval Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
22	514	(20.00+21.50)/2	24	498.00
23	547	(28.20+21.00)/2	24	590.40

Further Extension of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'H' Block, U M Kaval Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
24	907	(5.10+4.20) / 2	9	41.85
25	1057	9.00	5	45.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69,300/-
Contact : 9591964603

Further Extension of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'T' Block, Thalaghattapura Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
26	257/I	12.00	(15.00+2.80)/2	106.80
27	214	24.00	(19.00+25.00)/2	528.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69,300/-
Contact : 9482666333/9591964603

Banashankari 6th Stage, 7th Block, Sompura Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
28	1373	12.00	(15.00 + 28.00)/2	258.00
29	1589	12.00	(34.0+22.5)/2	339.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 62,300/-
Contact : 9844916955

BTM 4th Stage, 2nd Block, Devarachikkanahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
30	1219	12.19	(22.20+21.60)/2	266.96
31	952	6	12.19	73.14

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,30,000/-

BTM 6th Stage, 1st Block, Hulimavu Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
32	25	12.19	13.3	162.13
33	7	12.19	16.5	201.14
34	10	12.19	18.28	222.83
35	69	(1.65+3.60)/2	9.14	24.00
36	114	9.14	12.19	111.42

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,00,000/-
Contact : 8660907357

Chandra Layout 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Gangondanahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
37	1656	12	(9.10+10.50)/2	117.60
38	1252F	(15.85+15.50)/2	11.9	185.64
39	1475	9.40	(7.80+7.40)/2	71.44
40	1474	9.10	(9.40+8.70)/2	82.35
41	1445	9.00	(10.20+9.40)/2	88.20
42	1644	11.80	9.80	115.64
43	1489	(9.40+9.00)/2	(7.00+6.80)/2	63.48
44	1490	(9.00+8.50)/2	(6.80+6.00)/2	56.00
45	1644A	11.80	9.60	113.28

Chandra Layout 1st Stage, 1st Block, Gangondanahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
46	1151	(11.70+12.20)/2	(12.30+12.50)/2	148.18

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,35,000/-
Contact : 9535575790

Further Extension of Anjanapura 10th Block, Gollahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
47	1354	9.00	5.00	45.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73,200/-

Further Extension of Anjanapura 10th Block Kembathahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
48	1154	18.00	[15.30+11.80]/2	243.90

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 63,400/-

Further Extension of Anjanapura 5th 'G' Block, Gollahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
49	994/B	9.00	6.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 67,300/-
Contact : 8660907357

HAL 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Dookanahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
50	3732	12.19	9.14	111.41
51	3733	12.19	9.14	111.41

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 2,27,500/-
Contact : 8105864769

HSR 3rd Sector, Yellikunte Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
52	667	18.29	11.80	215.82

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 2,36,250/-
Contact : 7019156268

J.P.Nagar 9th Phase, 4th Block, Alahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
53	96	6.00	9.00	54.00
54	266	9.00	6.00	54.00
55	138	6.00	9.00	54.00
56	186	9.00	6.00	54.00
57	230	9.00	6.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,22,000/-
Contact : 9886606002

Koramangala 4th Block, Jakkasandra Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
58	17	(13.30+10.00)/2	(13.00+11.10)/2	140.38
59	18	(19.30+13.30)/2	(14.50+11.60)/2	212.71

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 2,00,000/-

Koramangala 4th B Block, Jakkasandra Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
60	14	(20.00+12.60)/2	(17.50+15.00)/2	264.88

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 2,00,000/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
61	19	20.50	15.00	307.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 2,48,500/-
Contact : 8884471133

Kumaraswamy 1st Stage, Govinayakanahalli Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
62	1263	12.20	7.50	91.50
63	147	6.10	9.10	55.51

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,48,800/-
Contact : 8660907357

Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage 3rd Block Malagala Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
64	14	18.30	(19.60+4.10)/2	216.86

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,31,500/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
65	126	12.20	(15.30+8.00)/2	142.13

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,65,000/-

Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, 5th Block, Malagala Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
66	164	12.10	(3.80+10.40)/2	85.91
67	180	12.10	(2.60+9.80)/2	75.02
68	165	(5.40+3.70)/2	11.80	53.69

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,31,500/-
Contact : 9535575790

Nandini Layout, Rajivgandhinagar, J.B.Kaval

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
69	191	-	-	232.37

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,10,500/-
Contact : 8310930229

RMV 2nd Stage, Bhoopasandra Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
70	233	20.00	(5.50 + 7.50)/2	130.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,97,500/-
Contact : 8722433608

Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage 14th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
71	1	24.38	15.24	371.55

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,69,500/-
Contact : 9448739250

Sir M Vishweshwaraiah 4th Block, Ramasandra Village

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
72	1017	10.50	24.00	252.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 72,000/-
Contact : 8310930229

Kumarswamy 1st Stage, Govinayakanahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
73	4131	16	(10.50+2.00)/2	100.00
74	4161	8.9	(16.50+9.50)/2	115.70
75	93	(5.40+1.80)/2	9.2	33.12
76	54	(7.17+2.20)/2	9	44.55

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,27,500/-
Contact : 8660907357

Banashankari 6th stage 1st Block ,Turuhalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
77	67	(7.20+5.10)/2	9	55.35

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 68,500/-
Contact : 9482666333

Banashankari Uttarahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
78	310	12.20	10.00	122.00
79	267	(9.00+3.00)/2	18.29	109.74
80	103	10.00	12.20	122.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 80,600/-
Contact : 9482666333

Further extension of Anjanapura 10th Block, Kembathalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
81	1143	18.00	(18.20+11.00)/2	262.80
82	1139	18.00	(5.80+5.50)/2	101.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 83,500/-
Contact : 8660907357

West of Chord Road, 1st Stage 2nd Block, Saneguruvanahalli ,

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
83	235	19.00	(3.50+6.60)/2	95.95

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,50,500/-
Contact : 8310930229

Further extension of BSK 6th Stage, 4th 'H' Block, Hosahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
84	2153	(7.50+8.50)/2	12.00	96.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69,300/-
Contact : 9591964603

Koramangala 1st Stage

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
85	96	12.60	18.20	229.32

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 2,00,000/-
Contact : 9886540895

Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage 14th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
86	31	18.10	(10.60+11.40)/2	199.10

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,31,500/-
Contact : 9449511244

FE of Anjanapura 11th Block, Kembhathalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
87	819	12.00	(10.70+10.20)/2	125.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73,200/-
Contact : 8660907357

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR e-AUCTION

1. The auction purchaser should be a Citizen of India.
2. Address proof: Any one of the following documents attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs) shall be uploaded:-
   a) Voter ID, b) Driving License, c) Passport, d) Unique ID number (Aadhar).
3. Uploading of PAN Card in e-auction portal is compulsory (Should be attested by Gazetted Officer/Notary/Attested by Embassy Office in case of N.R.I.).
4. Signature & Photo Identity should be uploaded on the e-Auction portal [Attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs)]. Please download the prescribed format.
5. The auction purchaser shall mention correct e-Mail address, mobile number and landline number while participating in the e-Auction. The bidder whose name is registered in the e-procurement is final and the site will not be transferred to any other name.
6. **Minors / persons without computer knowledge are eligible to participate in the auction through their guardians or friends. While doing so, the name and related documents of only the person purchasing the property must be submitted / uploaded on the e-Auction portal while participating in the e-Auction.**
7. The auction purchasers who desire to have the sites jointly registered should upload the details of the persons concerned on the e-Portal. Only blood relations, viz., spouse, sons or unmarried daughters are eligible for joint registration along with the auction purchaser. The relationship of such person should be clearly mentioned.
8. Partnership firm may participate in the auction. However, the partnership firm should have been registered in India before participating in the auction.
9. EMD amount is fixed at Rs.4.00 lakh (Rupees Four Lakh only) per site and this amount along with the e-Auction fee should be remitted as mentioned on the e-Procurement portal. This amount should not be remitted to the BDA's account.
10. All legal proceedings in respect of the auction sites are subject to the jurisdiction of Courts in Bengaluru only.
11. Five minutes of delta time shall be extended to the last moment bids in the e-Auction.
12. BDA reserves the right to withdraw the sites notified for auction at any time during auction period without assigning any reasons.
13. BDA reserves the right to accept or reject the bid made by the successful bidder without assigning any reasons.
14. **Bank Name:- Canara Bank, BDA Complex Branch, Kumara Krupa West, Bengaluru-560020.**
    Savings Account Name:- Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru.
    Savings Account Number:- 2828101053014 IFSC Code No.:- CNRB0002828
    Mode of Payment:- RTGS / NEFT
15. Successful bidders after remitting 25% of the final bid amount should pay the balance 75% amount within 45 days of receiving the allotment letter from BDA.
16. EMD amount of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs of unsuccessful bidders will be credited to their Account within one month.
17. **Where 25% of the total cost is not remitted within 72 hours by the successful bidders (highest bidders) or where 25% of the total cost is remitted after the prescribed time, the EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakh shall be forfeited by the Authority.**
18. As per IT Act, 1961 Sec.194 IA, where the sale consideration exceeds Rs.50.00 lakh, the auction purchaser should deduct 1% of the total amount payable and remit the same to the IT Department.
19. In case there is a difference in the dimension of the site (Less / More), the full amount (less TDS) as per the dimensions in the e-Auction notification / letter of confirmation of auction site has to be remitted within the prescribed time. If the remittance is not made within the prescribed time, action will be taken as per the Disposal of Corner Sites and Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA. In case there is a difference in actual dimensions of the site (less / more), the excess amount, if any, remitted by the auction purchaser due to lower dimensions shall be refunded by BDA without interest. Similarly, any incremental amount due to higher dimension of the site shall be remitted by the auction purchaser as advised by BDA. Bidder should pay the full amount and then go for correction in dimensions, if any.
20. Bidder / auction purchaser shall abide by the Disposal of Corner Sites and Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA (Document is attached as part of the e-Auction documents.).
21. For demonstration of live bidding & learning the process of bidding, visit BDA Head Office during office hours. Bidding by BDA on behalf of a bidder shall not be undertaken during the demonstration.
22. While participating in the e-auction, the bid amount should exceed the base price by 10% i.e., site measuring 108 m2 has base price @ Rs.45,000/m2. Bidders should quote more than Rs.45,000x1.1=Rs.49,500/m2 (Rs.49,500 if quoted will be rejected). However, BDA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reasons.
23. There should be minimum of 2 bidders for each site. Single bidder will be rejected.
24. Website address: **www.kbda.karnataka.gov.in**
25. E-auction bidders can download the New e-Auction bidding user manual by logging on to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For more information contact Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **080-46010000 & 080-68948777.**
26. The auctioned Sites will be allotted to the successful bidders in the same condition as they are. Bidders participating in the e-auction must physically check the location of the site, Road width etc., before bidding. Sites allotted in the e-auction will not be cancelled / substituted.
27. Bidders participating in E-Auction are meant to adhere to all the terms and conditions specified above.
28. Regarding the e-Auction, Bidders should contact the Authority directly and should not contact any middle men.
29. Geo tag of the sites are for reference only. No Claim in entertained if there are any discrepancies in it.

Bidders have to read all the Terms and Conditions before bidding and shall participate accordingly.

For location of sites and other details, log on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
BDA site related Queries 080-23368435 / 23368036 and KPPP technical issues contact 080-46010000 / 68948777

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020.

No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-12/2024-25 Date: 29.03.2025

Sd/- Engineer Member

M BG-BGE

Man found dead; harassment by moneylenders suspected

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 34-year-old man from Andrahalli, in the jurisdiction of the Byadarahalli police station, allegedly died by suicide due to harassment from moneylenders, city police said on Saturday.

The deceased, identified as Purushotham, was found dead at his residence where he lived with his wife and son.

Health issues
According to police officials, Purushotham had previously worked as an autorickshaw driver and later joined a private firm. However, he had been unemployed for the past few months owing to health issues.

Death note
A death note recovered by the police from the scene reportedly mentions the names of four individuals who had lent him money.

In the note, Purushotham allegedly blamed them for pressuring him for repayment, which the police suspect may have pushed him to take the extreme step.

Case registered
Police officials from Byadarahalli visited the spot and registered a case.

"Based on the complaint and the suicide note, we have registered a case and taken up investigation. Further action will be initiated based on the outcome of the findings," an official said. Further investigation is underway.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

The mini-bus that got severely damaged after ramming a truck in Kalaburagi district on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Five die in road accident in Kalaburagi district

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Of the five victims, four died on the spot, and one succumbed to injuries while being shifted to hospital

Five persons, including a two-year-old boy, were killed and 11 seriously injured when the mini-bus in which they were travelling rammed a stationary truck near Sonna Cross in Jewargi taluk of Kalaburagi district early on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Malanabi Mehboob Gaddanakere, 52, Mehboobi Usman Saab, 53, Priyanka Manjunath, 13, Mehboob Usman Saab, 29, and Wajid Mehboob, 2, all from Bagalkot.

According to the police, the mini-bus had 31 passengers, who were travelling to the historical Khwaja Bande Nawaz Dargah in Kalaburagi. The incident occurred when the mini-bus rammed the truck, which was parked on the roadside for replacing a flat tyre. Of the five victims, four died on the spot, and one succumbed to his injuries while being shifted to hospital. The injured were shifted to the Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences. The driver of the mini-bus reportedly fled from the scene.

Superintendent of Police, Adduru Srinivasulu, visited the spot. All the bodies were shifted to the Jewargi taluk hospital. A case has been registered at Nelogi police station.

Chief Minister pays tributes to Jagjivan Ram

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah paid tributes to former Deputy Prime Minister Jagjivan Ram on his birth anniversary by garlanding his bust on the Vidhana Soudha premises on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, he reiterated that the government was committed to providing internal reservation.

THE HINDU GROUP

DAY 16

SPORTSTAR INDIAN POSTER LEAGUE

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1. Which country's national football team, famous for its bright yellow jersey, is affectionately known as 'Seleção Canarinho' or the 'Canary Squad'?
2. Which prestigious FIFA award, introduced in 2009 and named after a legendary Hungarian footballer, recognizes the most beautiful goal of the year?
3. Which Brazilian football star captained his country to its first Olympic gold in men's football at Rio 2016, scoring the decisive penalty in the final against Germany?

*T&C apply.

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भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग।

शुद्धिपत्र /सूचना

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या– BCD/EE/HAZARIBAG/77/2024-25 ,PR संख्या– 349525 Building (24-25).D द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा **कार्य का नाम - Proposed Construction Of 50 Bedded Hostel for Madarsa Hussania Education and Welfare Trust at Block - Katkamsandi, Vill-Pelawal, Hazaribagh For The Year 2024-2025** का **Estimated Cost-28921205/-** एवं **Earnest Money-289200/-** पढा जाय।

निविदा की अन्य शर्ते यथावत रहेगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
PR 349808 (Building) 25-26 (D) भवन प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग।

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PUBLIC NOTICE - POSSESSION NOTICE
Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

APPENDIX-IV (See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Sri.Venkatesh

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12),13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **23/01/2025** calling upon the Borrower **Sri.Venkatesh** s/o Gullappa Residing at No.159, Kanakapura Main Road, Near Ravishankar Ashrama, Udayapura Post Bangalore-560082. demanding to repay the amount of **Rs.18,57,079/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Seventy Nine) only together with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by him, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower had failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realizing the above mentioned amounts (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on them under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **05th day of April 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha** for a sum **Rs.18,15,773/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred And Seventy Three) only of Sri.Venkatesh on 05/04/2025 together with interest and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site bearing No.116, formed under the scheme of "Ashraya Yojane" in the land bearing Sy.No.181 E-Khatha No.150200300100600337,Property No.362/116 Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 30-0 feet and North to South: 40-0 feet and bounded on the East By: Road, West By: Property No.115, North By: Property No.100 and South By :Road.

Date : 05.04.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
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निविदा की अन्य शर्ते यथावत रहेगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
PR 349809 Building (25-26)_D भवन प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that my client, **Ramakrishnappa S/o. Ramaiah,** Aged about 60 years, Residing at No.21, Gunjurpalya Village, Gunjur, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 087, has lost the Original Registered Sale deeds dated 15.12.1953 & 28.03.1955, registered as document Nos.6072/1953-54 and 6223/1954-55, for Sy.No.116/2, situated at **Gunjurpalya Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring 2 Acres 39 Guntas and bounded on : **East by : Property bearing Sy.Nos.116/5 and 116/12, West by : Property bearing Sy.Nos.110 and 117, North by : Property in Sy.No.116/1 and South by: Property bearing Sy.No.116/3.**

In this regard our client has lodged a police complaint **on 05.04.2025** in Bangalore City Police Station, with Lost Report **No. 658/259/2025.** Any persons who found the said documents may please be handed over the same to the undersigned.

Jayalakshmi M.V. Advocate
M.V.J. Law Chambers,
No.193/5, 3rd Floor, Ganesha Block, West of Chord Road, 1st Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore –560 086. Mobile : 9538305787. Email – mvjslawchambers@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that our clients **SRI VENKATARAMANA ACHARI S** S/o Eshwara Achari and **SRI PRABHAKAR S PANDIT** S/o Late Sriranga Pandit intends to enter into transaction in respect of the below mentioned Schedule property with its owner **SRI GANGADHARA K.S,** S/o Sidhalingappa G.K, resident of Bangalore, who represents as sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

All or any persons including any banks, financial institutions or any other party or person, having any valid and legal claim, right, title, demand or interest by virtue of any sale, gift, lease, tenancy, license, exchange, partition, mortgage, charge, lien, inheritance, succession, trust, maintenance, possession, easement, agreement, lis-pendence, stay order, attachment, decree, specific performance or otherwise or any other right of whatsoever nature are required/called upon to convey their objection/s in writing to the undersigned, within Fifteen (15) days from issuance of this notice, along with all supporting documents relating to such claim, failing which it shall be presumed that there is/are no claim/s and such claim/s if any, shall be considered to be waived and abandoned in respect of the 'Schedule Property'.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Survey No. 14/2, Katha No. 14, measuring 20 guntas, excluding 0.00.08 guntas of B Kharab, situated at Banaswadi village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded as follows:

East: Road, West: Land bearing Sy. No. 14/1, North: Road, South: Land bearing Sy. No. 24

Vishnu K V, Advocate
No.214, 2nd Floor, 12, Richmond Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560 025
Mob - 8884711119
Place: Bengaluru Date: 05-04-2025

INSTITUTE OF LIVER & BILIARY SCIENCES (ILBS)
Deemed-to-be-University

Advertisement ILBS Academic 01/2025
Entrance Examination for Ph.D/PDCC/PGCC/ Fellowship and Certificate Courses

Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is an autonomous super-specialty institute of excellence under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Deemed-to-be-University status was conferred to ILBS by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956. Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is running National Medical Commission (NMC) recognized super-specialty Post-Doctoral Degree Courses in Hepatobiliary.

The Institute is inviting application for the entrance examination for following Ph.D, PDCC, PGCC, Fellowship and Certificate courses for the academic session starting from 01st July 2025, as per the details given on the Institute's website https://www.ilbs.in

S. No.	Name of the Course	Seats
1.	Ph.D in Molecular and Cellular Medicine	10
2.	Ph.D in Virology	01
3.	Ph.D in Nursing	05
4.	PDCC Organ Transplant Anaesthesia	02+01*
5.	PDCC in Interventional Radiology	02+01*
6.	PDCC in Hepatopathology	02+01*
7.	PDCC in Advanced Dialysis Therapy	02+01*
8.	PDCC in Transplant Virology	02+01*
9.	PDCC in Diagnostic Virology	02+01*
10.	PDCC Critical Care Medicine	02+01*
11.	PDCC in GI Medical Oncology	02+01*
12.	PDCC in HPB and GI Advanced Radiation Oncology	02+01*
13.	PDCC in Gastro Radiology	02+01*
14.	PDCC in Blood Banking & Immunohaematology	02+01*
15.	PDCC in Advanced Diagnostic and Clinical Microbiology	02+01*
16.	PDCC in Apheresis Technology and Blood Component Therapy	02+01*
17.	PDCC in Cellular Transplant Immunology	01
18.	PDCC in Hepatology	04
19.	PDCC in Advanced Clinical Biochemistry	02
20.	PDCC Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine	01+01*
21.	PDCC in Hepato-Hematology	01
22.	Fellowship in Advanced Hepatology	02
23.	PGCC in Clinical Nutrition	02~
24.	PGCC in Epidemiology of Viral Hepatitis and Liver Diseases	01~
25.	PGCC in Clinical Research in Liver Diseases	02~
26.	PGCC in Clinical Bioinformatics	10^
27.	PGCC in Dialysis Therapy	01+01*~
28.	Critical Care Certification Course	02
29.	Certificate Course in Biostatistics	10

* Sponsored Seat
~ PGCC course - One year duration
^ PGCC course- 06 months duration

Last Date to apply: 04.05.2025. Please visit website http://www.ilbs.in for detailed Advertisement

Controller of Examination

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender notice

For and on behalf of President of Republic of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction-1) North Western Railway, Jaipur invites E-Tender for the following works upto 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Name of work:** Tender No. EL/C/JP/ BI-NMH/NL/T/21/24, Electrical work of Platform, cover shed, station building, residential quarters, ROB and other service buildings etc. from Badi Sadri to Nimach section in connection with New BG Line work, **Approximate cost of the Work:** Rs.32112961.00, **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 310600.00, **Date of Completion of work:** 12 Months, **Date & Time of closing E-Tender:** 28.04.2025 Upto 15-00 Hrs., **Date & Time of opening E-Tender:** 28.04.2025 at 15.30 Hrs., **The details of above E-Tender are available on Website:** www.ireps.gov.in

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सिंडिकेट Syndicate
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Head Office : Bangalore

E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 24.04.2025
Last date of EMD : 23.04.2025

ARM – I Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.g. Road, Bangalore – 560001. Ph No. : 080 25310066. E-Mail – cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described imovable propeties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24.04.2025** at **1. 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM, 2. 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM, 3. 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before**23.04.2025 5.00 pm.**

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection Date & Time
1.	**1.Kwikfix Hospitality Pvt Ltd** Plot No. 8A, Attibele Industrial Area Anekal Bangalore-562107. **2.Sri Manoj Thyagaraj S/o Thyagaraj K M** Shraddha Tulip, A Block AECS Layout, Kundanahalli Whitefield Bangalore-560066. **Also at: Kwikfix Hospitality Pvt Ltd** Plot No.120, Export Promational Industrial Park (EPIP) Whitefield Bangalore-560066. **3.Mrs. Judy Sweena Kamal W/o Manoj Thyagaraj** Shraddha Tulip, A Block AECS Layout, Kundanahalli Whitefield Bangalore-560037. 4.**Sri Thyagaraj K M S/o Sri Muniswamappa** No. 404, 5thMain, 5th Cross 1st Stage, 3rd Block Bangalore North-560043. 5. **Sri ChristpherJamesAlphose S/o Sri Anthony Swamy** T-3, Adharsha Hotel 3rd Floor, 1st main Gopala Reddy Layout Bangalore-560043.	Residential flat No A-3, 3rd Floor of the apartment known as SRADDHA TULIP having super built up area of 2100 Sft. with one covered car parking space and 414 Sft. of UDS in landed property bearing converted Site no. 3, Mahadevapura CMC Katha no. 448, and converted site bearing nos. 4 & 5, Mahadevapura CMC Katha no. 449, situated at Jayaram Reddy Layout Kundalahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring 5040 Sft. standing in the name of Smt Judy Sweena Kamal. Value at Sanction: ₹. 151.60 **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.57565N Longitude- 77.42460E 166.86 16.691.00**	**Rs. 13,54,72,874.06** as on **03.04.2025** plus further interest and cost thereon	a) ₹166.86 b) ₹ 16.69 c) ₹ 1.00	**17.04.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer
2.	1. **Smt. B K PREMA W/o T Varadaraju** **2. Sri Varadaraj T S/o Thimmarayappa** Nallur Village, Hanumanhalli Post Mulbagal Taluk Kolar District-563127. **3.Shri Raghu K S/o G Krishanappa** Opp. To APMC Yard st. annes school main road mulbagal kolar district-563131.	**1.**Vacant Land Site No.145/4 of Nallur Village, Duggasandra Hobli, Mulabagal Taluk, Kolar District. Total Extent of the land is 1 acre 37 Guntas. Coordinates of the property **Latitude- 13.165667 Longitude-78.268833** **2.**Vacant Land Site No.44 old Khata No. 9913/1, PID No. 30-9-3K Sy No. 32/1A, Shivakeshavanagar, Sonnavadi Village , Kasaba Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District.Total extent of the land 1200 Sq.ft. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 13.155463 Longitude- 78.406282** **3.**Vacant Land Site No.65 Old Khata No.9913/1 PID No. 30-9-3K Sy.No. 32/1A Shivakeshavanagar, Sonnavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mulabagal Taluk, Kolar District. Total extent of the land 1200 Sq.ft. Coordinates of the property **Latitude- 13.155571 Longitude-78.406607** **4.**Vacant Land Site No.19 & 20 Old Khata No.9913/1 PID No. 30-9-3K Sy.No. 32/1A Shivakeshavanagar, Sonnavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mulabagal Taluk, Kolar District. Total extent of the land 2400 Sq.ft. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 13.155598 Longitude-78.406136** **5.Land and Building Site No.135/1 of Dugasandra Hobli, Mulabagal Taluk, Kolar District. Total Extent of the land 1 acres 37 Guntas and Total Extent of the Plot 1.925 acres. Coordinates of the property Latitude- 13.162750 Longitude- 78.267083**	**Rs. 6,09,16,097.16 as on 03.04.2025** Plus further interest and cost thereon	a) ₹ 71.72 b) ₹ 7.17 c) ₹ 1.00 a) ₹ 07.38 b) ₹ 0.74 c) ₹ 0.50 a) ₹ 07.38 b) ₹ 0.74 c) ₹ 0.50 a) ₹ 14.77 b) ₹ 1.48 c) ₹ 0.50 a) ₹ 192.33 b) ₹ 19.23 c) ₹ 1.00	**17.04.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer
3.	**1. Savithri Jewellers Pvt. Ltd** **2. Mrs. DeepaVernekar W/o Mr. Prashant Wandkar Director, Savithri Jewellers Pvt.Ltd** **3. Ms. ShilpaVernaker D/o Mr. Suresh Vernekar Director Savithri Jewellers Pvt.Ltd** **4. Mr. Kishore Vernekar S/o Mr. Suresh Vernekar** **5. Sri Suresh Vernekar S/o Mr. DattatrayVernekar** **All are residing at :** R/At No. 165, MaauliMantralaya Lakshmi Temple Road Hindiwadi, Belgaum Karnataka-590011.	Property bearing R S No. 59/1 measuring 1 acres situated at Madhavapura, Belguam and bounded on the East by R S No. 58, West by R S No.76, North by R S No. 57 and South by R S No.77. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 15.8355970 Longitude- 74.5308150**	**Rs. 43,51,91,963.92 as on 03.04.2025** Plus further interest and cost thereon	a) ₹ 187.00 b) ₹ 18.70 c) ₹ 1.00	**17.04.2025 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9627872626,7483935007,9538406090 and 9598559920 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 05.04.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Canara Bank

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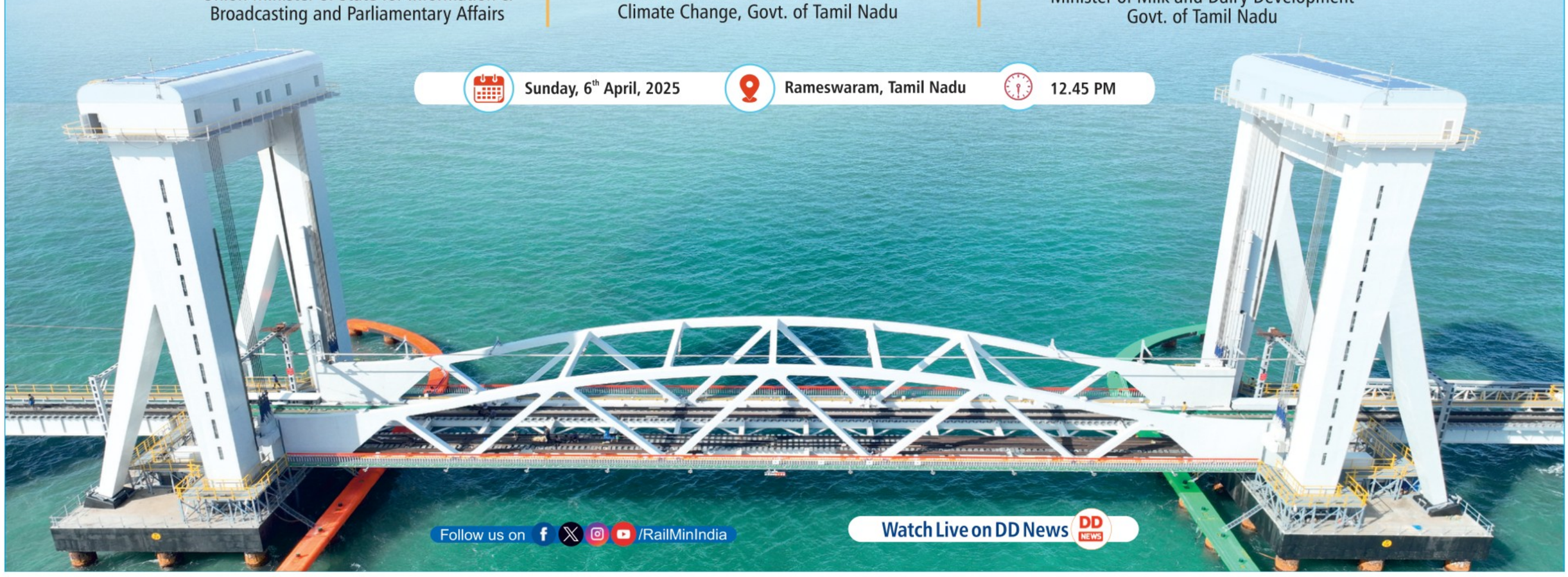

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Protest continues over BJP worker's death; CM says don't politicise issue

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Even as BJP leaders continued protests in Kodagu, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said stringent action would follow against anyone found culpable in the suicide case of BJP member Vinay Somaiah.

Speaking to reporters here, the Chief Minister confirmed that a first information report (FIR) had been filed and an investigation was under way.

"Decisions will be taken based on the findings of the probe. The BJP is making numerous demands, but we can't respond to every one of them. They appear agitated and are turning a personal tragedy into a political issue," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Vinay Somaiah allegedly died by suicide in Bengaluru on Thursday. His body was brought to his home town of Kushalnagar in Kodagu district on Saturday. His death sparked off demonstrations by BJP workers, who are pressing for the inclusion of Virajpet MLA and Chief Minister's legal adviser A.S. Ponnanna, as well as Madikeri MLA Mantar Gowda, in the FIR.

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>
> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Chief Minister

'All equal before law'

Responding to these demands, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said, "Everyone is equal before the law – be it Ponnanna, Mantar, or anyone else. The police will act as per legal procedures."

A police complaint was filed by Vinay Somaih's elder brother, Jeevan K.S., based on an alleged death note circulated in social media left by the deceased.

However, the FIR names only Congress worker Thennira Myna and others, but not the two MLAs or Harish Poovaiah, whose names were included in the handwritten complaint, the BJP has alleged.

Meanwhile, the Hennur police, who are handling the case, said they were awaiting the post-mortem report. "We are conducting inquiries and waiting for the autopsy results to proceed with the investigation," a senior official from the department told *The Hindu*.

Allegations denied

Meanwhile, Mr. Ponnanna and Mr. Gowda on Saturday denied any involvement in the case.

Speaking at a press conference in Madikeri, Mr. Ponnanna clarified, "I have never interacted with Vinay Somaiah nor have I directed anyone to initiate legal proceedings against him." He further said the case should not be politicised.

Mr. Gowda also distanced himself from the matter, stating, "It is truly surprising to see my name appear in this context. I had only spoken to Vinay once, on November 24, about a hospital-related matter he had texted me. There was no further interaction."

Have declared a war on State govt.: HDK

Says he has 'tonnes of documents' to prove 'scams'; Shivakumar, in response, dares the Union Minister to place documents in public domain

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Janata Dal (S) leader and Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H.D. Kumaraswamy, hit out at the State government and Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar in particular, stating that he had "tonnes of documents" to prove the "scams" in the ruling dispensation and warned them against "targeting" him politically.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru after a long gap, the Union Minister accused the Deputy Chief Minister of being involved in several "illegalities", some dating back to the time when he was Urban Development Minister in the S.M. Krishna government, and declared, "this Deputy Chief Minister is provoking me. He is targeting me with political vengeance. How can I remain silent? I will expose each and every one of his scandals. From this moment, I declare war on this government."

H.D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister, addressing a press conference in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Let him prove'

Meanwhile, responding to the allegations, Mr. Shivakumar brushed them aside, saying that the Union Minister was free to put documents in the public domain if he had any. "I am not the one to be scared or rattled," he said.

Mr. Kumaraswamy, at the press meet, termed the drive at his farm in Ketaganahalli, to reclaim government land allegedly encroached upon by him, as "political vendetta" and sought to know why he, as the son of a former Prime Minister and a Chief Minister himself, would "stoop so low as to encroach on just four acres." He claimed that the government was collecting sale deeds from farmers to frame him.

"This Congress government has created a mess everywhere through illegalities. I have taken the tender to clean that mess, and through that, protect the people," he said, making slew of allegations, including in garbage tenders. The Congress government had planned to hand over a 30-year contract, fixing ₹ 6,000 per tonne for garbage disposal, which was stopped by him, claimed Mr. Kumaraswamy.

The Union Minister said that though his party did not have strength in all of Bengaluru's 198 wards, the party would launch people's movement "on the calamities taking place in the city and raise public awareness."

All well in alliance

Asked about rumours about the rift between the alliance partners BJP and JD (S), Mr. Kumaraswamy claimed that all was well though some of his party colleagues had claimed to the contrary.

"Our alliance with the BJP is strong. There are no coordination issues.... Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the nation is progressing well."

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-05/19/2025-26 Date: 05.04.2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Electrical Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Providing Power Infrastructure and LED Streetlight facilities to newly formed roads adjacent to plot No. 1,2,3, 112 to 135 at General Industrial Area of Japanese Industrial Township, Tumakuru District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **21.04.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/100/Zen/2025-26

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING WING
Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd Floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023 Telephone No.: 080-29557023 E-mail:**cekhsdrp@gmail.com**

No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-2/AE- 4&8/TND/2025-26/60 Date:05.04.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Tender for Appointment of Consultants for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** in Two Cover Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works.

Sl. No	Description of works	Approx. Service Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs.in Lakhs)
1	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the (1) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at Alnavara in Dharwad District, (2) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at Annegeri in Dharwad District, (3) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at Babaleshwara in Vijayapura District, (4) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at Kolhara in Vijayapura District, & (5) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at Teradala in Bagalkote District.	33.90	0.68
2	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the work (1) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at Savanuru in Haveri District. (2) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at Ramadurga in Belagavi District & (3) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at Savadatthi in Belagavi District.	49.50	0.99

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **15.04.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **16.04.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-2,
1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No: DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/01/25-26 Date: 05.04.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK KPPP only)

1. The Deputy General Manager-2, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the kpp portal of the Government of Karnataka.
3. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) Excluding GST	EMD (Amount in Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract completion period
1	REPAIR & COMMISSIONING OF THE EXISTING 16MM & 35 MM ELECTRO- MECHANICAL EQUIPMENTS OF PREPRATORY SECTION AT SUBBARAYANAPALYA WET WASTE PROCESSING PLANT	184.26	Rs.1,00,000/-through e-payment under of the following i.e., online/RTGS/ NEFT/OTC and the balance Rs. 1,76,400/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/Sch eduled Bank	As per KPPP portal	3 Months

Note:
1. Pre bid meeting will be held on **15.04.2025 at 15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-52.
2. Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the KPPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document **on or before 16:00 hours on 23.04.2025** and First Folder containing the Technical bid will be opened through e-portal only on **24.04.2025 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
3. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the KPP portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.** KPPP portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/ 22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
4. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPPP portal only.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML.

DIPR/CP/116/SSC/2025-26

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Joint Commissioner (West) Zone, Welfare Division, Bhashyam Park, Sampige Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020

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Tender Notification

Following separate centre-wise Tenders have been invited from the eligible firms as per Karnataka Transparency rules (Karnataka public procurement portal) for the maintenance of various 9 night shelter Ashraya centres under Day-NULM project for the urban homeless under the Ashraya Sub-unit for the year 2024-25 in the limits of West Zone of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Sl No	Details of Urban Homeless Ashraya centres	Tender Amount (in Rs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	Tender Reference No
1.	Shelter-1. No-94. BBMP Office Goodshed Road, Opp. Railway Parcel Office Bengaluru-560053	8,58,697.00	21,467.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1453
2.	Shelter-2. No-94. BBMP Office Goodshed Road, Opp. Railway Parcel Office Bengaluru-560053	8,58,697.00	21,467.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1454
3.	Shelter-3. No.58 4th E Block,5 Block, Rajajinagara Bengaluru-10	8,58,697.00	21,467.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1455
4.	Shelter-4. Health Kiosk Building Tank Bund Road, Gandhi Nagara, Bengaluru-09	9,65,897.00	24,147.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1456
5.	Shelter-5. MOH Building, Tulasi Thota Subedar Chatram Road, Bengaluru	9,65,897.00	24,147.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1457
6.	Shelter-6. Health Kiosk Building Tank Bund Road, Gandhi Nagara, Bengaluru-09	9,65,897.00	24,147.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1458
7.	Shelter-7. BBMP Building, Opp. Leprocy Hospital, Near Angala Parameshwari Temple Binni mill Road, Bengaluru-23 (Ward No.95)	9,65,897.00	24,147.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1459
8.	Shelter-8. BBMP Building, Opp. Leprocy Hospital, Near Angala Parameshwari Temple Binni mill Road, Bengaluru-23	9,65,897.00	24,147.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1460
9.	Shelter-9 (Reserved for Women) MOH GYM Building, Tulasi Thota Subedar Chatram Road, Bengaluru	9,65,897.00	24,147.00	BBMP/2025 -26/SE1461

1. Tender documents can be downloaded from Government of Karnataka Public Procurement website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. From **05.04.2025 2.** Date of Pre Bid Meeting : **08.04.2025 at 12.00 PM. 3.** Last date For tender Submisssion : **21.04.2025 upto 5.00 PM. 4.** Opening of Technical proposal Bid : **22.04.2025 at 5.10 PM**

Sd/-
Joint Commissioner,BBMP, Bengaluru

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU-01
HCK/HCA-II/10/2020/Kalaburagi Bench Date: 04.04.2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is called by the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru for "Providing Contract for House Keeping/Sanitization Services" in the High Court of Karnataka, Kalaburagi Bench through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Centre for e-Governance, Bengaluru.

The last date to upload the tender is fixed as **21.04.2025 at 4:00 p.m.** For more details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/searchTender/live** website.

Sd/-
(N.G.Dinesh)
Registrar (Computers) and Tender Inviting Authority,
High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/090/MAA/2025–26

Government of Karnataka
Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Gadag
Web : https://gimsgadag.karnataka.gov.in
Email : gimsgadag@gmail.com
No: GIMS/Tender/Diet/ 02/2025-26 Date : 05.04.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender are Invited to provide Inpatient Readymade Food for the Year 2025-26 to Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Teaching Hospital & Womens and Child Hospital Patients. Tender has been uploaded in E-Portal DME/2025-26/IND1348 (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Bidders can visit above web site from **05.04.2025** to **22.04.2025** by evening 4:00 PM, If any queries contact below Signed Person in time of Govt Working Days.

Sd/- Director,
Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/10/2025-26

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-3 (Health and Sanitation), Dasappa Hospital Premises, N.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE-3/H&S/TEND/01/2024-25/CALL-4 Date: 05-04-2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (CALL-4)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-3, Health and Sanitation, BBMP, Bengaluru invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for Appointing Contractor for the work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Upgradation of Animal Birth Control (ABC) Center Located at West and South Zones. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 40.05, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 80,100/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) RFP Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 07-04-2025 at 16.00 Hours onwards. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries on **09-04-2025 upto 15.00 Hours. 3)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting on **09-04-2025 at 15.30 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer-3 (H&S). 4)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders is **21-04-2025 upto 16.00 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **22-04-2025 at 16.30 Hours. 6)** Date of Opening of Financial Bids: **Will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-3 Health & Sanitation, BBMP.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Bagalkote Town Development Authority,Division No: 01, Bagalkote-587102.
E-mail: btdadn1@gmail.com

No:EE/BTDA/Dn.01/PB-02/ Tender Notification No.01/2025-26/49 Date : 05.04.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 01
(Through karnataka public Procurement Portal only)

As per the tender procedure of KTPP Act, tenders are invited for works from registered eligible contractors pertaining to **Indent No: 81 & BTDA/2024-25/IND0001** Works Tender Called.

The intending bidders for work details may login to karnataka public Procurement Portal website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till **17.04.2025 up to 5.00 PM.** technicial bids will be opened on **19.04.2025 at 11.00 AM** (if possible). and financial bids will be opened on **21.04.2025 at 11.00** AM (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over **telephone Number 08354-295372.**

Note : (1) Please note henceforth, the calendar of events published in Karnataka public Procurement Portal is final. (2) Please note henceforth, any changes in calendar of events Corrigendum/Addendum will be published in karnataka public Procurement Portal only and will not be published in Newspaper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
BTDA, Division. No: 01, Bagalkote.

DIPR/Bgk/12/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Ayanur Sub Forest Division, Shivamogga
No.: ACF/Tender /CR-01/2024-25 Date: 04.04.2025

Short-Term e-Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested Forest contractors registered in Forest Division as Forest Contractors for the year 2024-25 and having experience of growing of saplings of various sizes, advance works for forming of plantations and having experience of having carried out similar works as put to tender in the Forest Department and having their own Sapling Nursery in the limits of the zone where works have to be carried out and having necessary facility for growing of saplings for implementation of "Formation of Monsoon Plantations " in the limits of various Forest Zones of Shivamogga Forest Division including Change of places mentioned in e-procurement portal, under various Head of Account based on expected grants for the year 2025-26. Last date for submitting tenders for the said works is fixed on 19.04.2025 up to 4.00 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details of the Tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/18/04/21

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Chief Health Officer (Public Health), BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru- 560 002.

No.:BBMP/2025-26/SE1452 Date:05.04.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

BBMP invites tenders from eligible tenderers for **"Request for proposal for Collection, transportation and disposal of biomedical waste generated in Namma Clinics of BBMP, Zone wise on outsourced basis by interested Karnataka State Pollution Control Board authorized common biomedical Waste treatment facilities".**

Tender Reference No.	**BBMP/2025-26/SE1452**
Date of Commencement of downloading the tender documents from KPP portal	**from 05.04.2025 onwards.**
Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting:	**09.04.2025 at 11.30 a.m.** at Office of the Special Commissioner, (Health), 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002.
Last date and time for uploading online queries in KPP Portal.	**09.04.2025 upto 5.00 p.m.**
Last date and time for uploading the RFP in KPP Portal.	**21.04.2025 upto 5.00 p.m.**
Date of online Opening of RFP in KPP Portal.	**22.04.2025 at 5.10 p.m.**

Further details can be obtained from the KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Health Officer (Public Health).

Trend of abandoning aged parents in hospitals forces govt. to step in

3,000 cases booked in State since 2007

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Medical college hospitals have been told to file cases against children who admit their parents but do not return to take them back, says Sharan Prakash Patil

Cause for concern: Doctors say aged people are left at the hospital by their relatives either after they sign property papers or during their stay at the facility. FILE PHOTO

Shalmala Dharwadkar (name changed) had been suffering from stomach ache for some time. She had been living alone in Dharwad, after her husband, a retired private company employee, died. Her two sons are settled in Mumbai and Bengaluru. She mentioned her chronic pain to her daughters-in-law when they came to visit her during the summer holidays. They took her to a private hospital in Dharwad and then to the Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS).

Ms. Dharwadkar underwent a minor operation and was ready for discharge after a week. But her sons were not to be found on the hospital premises. When the hospital staff tried to contact them, the young men denied that the woman was their mother. They claimed she had died years ago. Later, when one of them was summoned to the police station, and shown copies of the documents of properties signed by the woman, they accepted that she was their mother. The self-respecting woman, however, continued to live in a rented house in Dharwad.

This incident occurred two years ago, but is not an isolated one. It seems the trend of children abandoning their old parents in government hospitals continues to grow.

During a recent meeting, BIMS director Ashok Kumar Shetty informed Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil that as many as 152 men and women have been abandoned by their children and relatives in two years.

Rehabilitating them

Of them, 73 were sent home, 62 were sent to old age homes, and 17 were sent back to their families in towns outside Karnataka, said a resident medical officer in charge of the geriatric ward.

"Rules say that patients need to be sent back after they are cured. If we do not send back cured patients, we will not have space to admit new patients," said a doctor in-charge of the teaching hospital. "We still have at least 30 senior citizens who have been abandoned by their children or close relatives. We are trying to trace them."

Doctors say that the old people are left at the hospital by their relatives either after they sign property papers or during their stay in the hospital. "They admit them saying they are suffering from some acute health issue or that they need a surgery. But then, once they are treated, they refuse to take them back. There have been some cases where children have left the patients on the steps of the hospital, and never returned," a doctor said.

Rohit Latur, a young lawyer who has helped some senior citizens facing similar problems, said there are laws to protect the interest of elders.

"According to various succession laws, like Hindu law or Muslim law, there is no automatic transfer of property during the lifetime of the parents. They have to sign some papers to transfer property, whether it is self-acquired or ancestral. However, they have the power to take back the property if they are ill-treated or not cared for. Sections 23 (1) and (2) of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, give the power to the transferer to take back property or maintenance out of an estate, from their children or kin."

An officer at the Directorate of Medical Education said the Minister has instructed all government hospital directors to file a complaint with the Revenue Assistant Commissioners asking them to cancel the property transferred by the abandoned parents to their children.

Directors of all government medical colleges have been instructed to file cases in the Assistant Commissioner's (AC) court under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, against children who admit their elderly parents in hospital seeking treatment but eventually do not return to take them back.

Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Sharan Prakash Patil has said that a recent review of government medical colleges revealed that a total of 3,010 cases had been registered in he Assistant Commissioner's courts across the State under this law, ever since it came into force. Of these 2,007 cases have been disposed of and 1,003 cases are pending.

Bengaluru on top

The maximum number of cases (827) has been registered in Bengaluru Urban district, of which only 274 cases have been disposed of. In Hassan district, 588 cases have been registered, of which 581 have been disposed of.

No such case has been registered in Uttara Kannada and Davangere districts, as per data from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens.

Central law

It is a Central law that allows for filing of cases in the he Assistant Commissioner's courts against children who abandon their elderly parents. There is the option of collecting maintenance charges from children who do not take care of their elderly parents. There is also the option of withdrawing assets transferred or bequeathed in the name of the children, he explained.

Such cases had been flagged recently in the Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS).

"This is an effective Act. When the cases are filed, both parties come forward to resolve the problem. If not, the AC will issue an order," said the Minister, underlining the need to create awareness about the law.

He noted that there are fewer cases of abandonment in rural pockets and among the poor since families are more cohesive there. "However, such incidents have increased in urban areas," he said, adding that, in case of non-resolution, abandoned parents are sent to old age homes. "When society does not take care of senior citizens, the law will have to step in," said Dr. Patil

Community takes exception to Panchamasali seer's stand

Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami has been making statements in favour of Yatnal, expelled BJP MLA; leaders decide to appeal to him not to speak in favour of any individual or political party

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami

Leaders of the Lingayat Panchamasali community from various districts of Kittur Karnataka, who met in Hubballi on Saturday, took exception to Panchamasali seer Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami's recent statements in favour of expelled BJP leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal and have resolved to appeal to the seer not to speak in favour of any individual or political party.

Along with prominent Panchamasali leaders, leaders from the community with affiliations to various political parties were also part of the meeting held under the aegis of the Akhila Bharat Lingayat Panchamasali Samaja Trust.

Against objectives

Addressing presspersons in Hubballi along with chairman of the trust Prabhanna Hunasikatti and other Panchamasali leaders, general secretary Neelakanth Asuti said that during the meeting, the recent actions of the seer were deliberated upon and it was felt that he was moving away from the real objectives of the establishment of the Lingayat Panchamasali Peetha at Kudalasangama.

Mr. Asuti said the meeting unanimously decided to request the seer to refrain from speaking for an individual or a political party, as the community had leaders from various political parties and the real objective of the peetha was not politics.

Advocate and former MLC Mohan Limbikai said, "Under no circumstance should a seer become the property of a political party or an individual."

Mr. Limbikai said the community leaders felt that the seer's remarks and call for protest in favour of the expelled BJP leader were unwarranted and inappropriate. "We have resolved to convene an apolitical meeting, inviting the community leaders from all parties. And then make a request to the seer on the issue," he said.

The meeting also resolved to constitute a legal experts' committee to look into the issue of the community's demand for reservation under the 2A category. Mr. Asuti and Mr. Limbikai said as there were several technical and legal issues involved, the committee would be requested to give its report within two months so that the next course of action to pursue the matter could be finalised.

Panchamasali protest: HC orders setting up of commission of inquiry

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to constitute a commission of inquiry (CoI), to be headed by a retired judge of the High Court, to inquiry into what went wrong during the protest demanding implementation of reservation of Lingayat Panchamasalis held in Belagavi in December 2024 prompting the police to resort to lathi-charge and invoke prohibitory order in a spur of moment.

The court also directed that the commission, to be set up under the provisions of the CoI Act, 1952, with one or a multi-member, to submit the report to the government within three months of its constitution, and the government should submit such a report to the court.

Justice M. Nagaparasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami of Kudalasangama, honorary president of the Panchamasali reservation agitation committee, and others. The petitioners had sought a direction to set up a CoI to probe into the police action against the protesters on December 10, 2024, in Belagavi as many individuals had sustained injuries in the lathi-charge.

Petitioners' claim

While the petitioners claimed that the protest was peaceful as per the earlier direction given by the High Court and that it was the police who unnecessarily resorted to lathi-charge, the government claimed that the police had to lathi-charge to protect law and order as the protesters turned aggressive.

Both the petitioners and the police had submitted their digital evidence in pen drives to the court in support of their respective claims. The police claimed that the protesters had started removing the barricades, and an Additional Director-General of Police, who was present at the spot, had no other option but to resort to lathi-charge after giving a warning as the situation reached uncontrolled point.

On examining the digital evidence, the court said, "The viewing of contents of both the pen drives would depict seriously disputed questions of fact. While the protesters were lathi-charged, the reason for the lathi-charge is missing in both the pen drives. Therefore, the reason for the incident is required to be thrashed out if the guilty have to be brought to book."

Pointing out that there are allegations and contra-allegations, the court said, "There is electronic content versus electronic content. The protest in the content [in pen drives] appears to be peaceful at the beginning. What happened later is necessary to be inquired into, as the public meeting that was held prior to the protest was attended by legislators."

D'Cunha panel submits second interim report on COVID-19 'scam' to CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Inquiry document: Retired High Court judge John Michael D'Cunha handing over the second interim report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The John Michael D'Cunha commission, which probed the alleged irregularities in COVID-19 procurements and management in Karnataka during the previous BJP government, on Saturday submitted its second interim report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh was present when the commission submitted its report. Earlier, Mr. D'Cunha, a retired High Court judge, had submitted the report on August 31, 2024.

The Congress government has ordered a probe into the alleged scam involving the purchase of PPE kits and medicines and the administration of drugs, among other things, during the pandemic.

Seven volumes

The second interim report contains 1,808 pages. It has seven volumes and four of them pertain to the alleged scam in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits - Bommanahalli, Yelahanka, South Zone, and West Zone.

The three other volumes pertain to Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural, Gadag, and Koppal districts.

In its earlier report, it had recommended, among other things, the prosecution of the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and then Minister for Health and Family Welfare B. Sriramulu over the alleged purchase of three lakh PPE kits from two Chinese firms in April 2020 at exorbitant rates.

The State Cabinet had decided to hand over the report for review by an official committee headed by the Chief Secretary.

FORM - III
BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Office of the Commissioner, Kumara Krupa West, T. Chowdaih Road, Bengaluru - 560020.
No: BDA/Commr/TDR/16/2024-25 Date: 29-03-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by **The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority for Construction of Road Widening in Hennur Junction Underpass and Flyover above Outer Ring Road for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan - 2015 for the width of 36.00 Mtrs.**

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Executive Engineer, BDA, North Division, R.T. Nagar, BDA Complex, Bengaluru within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru North** Name of the Village: **Hennuru**

Sl. No.	Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the Land / Plot & Extent in Sq.m		Boundaries of the Land / Plot				Building Details			Present Activity on Land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual House etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the Plot / Land for which DRC is to be issued
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped	Approved Layout / Developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of Floors	Floor Area Ratio			
1	Sy. No. 40/5B	Commercial Shed		Converted A Khatha Land			(5.90+6.56)/ 2x13.41 mtrs 83.54 Sqm		BDA Property	Site No. 1315/B	Road	Road	None	None	None	Shop	80,000/- per Sqm	Sri K. Abdul Jabbar, No: 303/2 Narasarajapete, Davanagere - 577001.

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub Divisional / Branch Office	Executive Engineer, BDA, North Division, R.T. Nagar, BDA Complex, Bengaluru - 560032.

Sd/-
Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of

Shri RAVI GHANTASALA

(son of musician Padmashri Shri Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao), on 5th April, 2025.

Deeply mourned by:

Parvathi Ravi Ghantasala, Mohinder, Vaishnavi, Samiksha and family.

Final rites: Besant Nagar @11:30am on 7th April 2025.

Cont: 9840157090, 9840057090

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CPI(Maoist) members surrender en masse in A.P., Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM/PADERU

In the second biggest mass surrender of members of the proscribed CPI (Maoist) in recent times, as many as 86 cadres, militia members, and sympathisers of the banned outfit from Chhattisgarh have surrendered to the police in Telangana's Kothagudem town on Saturday.

Those who surrendered include four area committee members, five party members, eight Revolutionary People's Committee members, 27 militia members, 20 Dandakaranya Adivasi Kisan Mazdur Sangatan members, and 13 Chetna Natya Mandali members, police said.

They hail from Bijapur district of the south Bastar region in Chhattisgarh. At least five minors figured in the list of surrendered Maoist cadres released by the police on the occasion.

Meanwhile, on the same day, 11 militia members of the Galikonda Area Committee of CPI (Maoist) surrendered before Alluri Sitharama Raju district Superintendent of Police Amit Bardar in Andhra Pradesh. As many as 39 criminal cases had been registered against them, the police said. Mr. Bardar said they surrendered as they were vexed with the "outdated ideology" of the Maoist party.

AMIT SHAH'S APPEAL
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Organiser article triggers a political storm in Kerala

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan raise questions over the article which said land owned by Catholic Church in India far surpassed Waqf properties

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A hastily pulled-down article in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) mouthpiece *Organiser* suggested that the land owned by the Catholic Church in India far surpassed Waqf properties in the country has triggered a political storm in Kerala.

Notwithstanding the Kerala Catholic Bishop Conference's (KCBC) support for the allegedly "anti-Muslim" Bill, the article suggested that the British rulers had leased nearly seven crore hectares of land to the Catholic Church.

The write-up assumed political significance since the *Organiser* published the article shortly after the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha passed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which entitles the government to regulate Muslim religious endowments for educational and charitable purposes.

Uncommon scene: Pinarayi Vijayan and V.D. Satheesan say the article testified to RSS's move to control church properties.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan, and the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) responded by stating that the article testified to the RSS's impending move to wrest control of church properties.

Notably, the ruling front's and the Opposition's latest attack on the BJP came on a day when Church leaders in Kerala claimed they were contemplating launching a political party despite the presence of predominantly Christian Kerala Congress parties on either side of the political aisle.

A Congress insider said the BJP's tactical gambit was to undercut the UDF's Muslim-Christian base by dividing minority votes. The CPI(M) has flagged the BJP's attempt to communally polarise the State's electorate ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections and was concerned about the latter's ascendancy in in Thiruvananthapuram, Attingal, and Alappuzha Lok Sabha constituency.

MOTIVE QUESTIONED
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3 elephants found dead in different parts of Nilambur

The Hindu Bureau
MALAPPURAM

Three elephants were found dead in different parts of the Nilambur forest in Malappuram district of Kerala on Saturday.

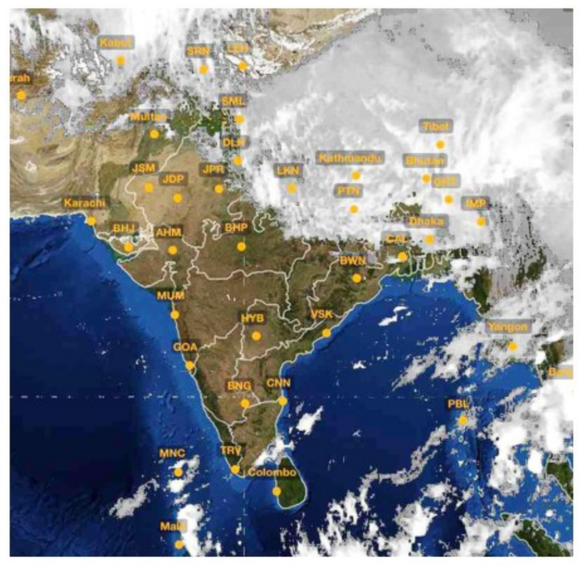
While one of them is believed to have been attacked by a tiger, the other two died of ailments, forest officials said. The three cases had nothing in common and there was nothing unusual about the deaths, the officials said.

They said the carcasses were recovered from Karulai, Marutha and Putharipadam in the eastern part of the district. When a 20-year-old she-elephant was found dead at Marutha, the carcass of a 10-year-old tusker was recovered from Putharipadam.

The tusker calf found dead at Karulai was about six months old. It had wounds from a tiger attack.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds/hailstorm likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	36.0	25.0	Kozhikode	39	34.5	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	42.0	23.0	Kurnool	—	38.4	25.3
Aizawl	—	30.8	19.9	Lucknow	—	40.0	20.0
Allahabad	—	41.0	19.4	Madurai	—	36.5	24.6
Bengaluru	—	33.2	21.5	Mangaluru	—	34.1	25.0
Bhopal	—	38.0	21.2	Mumbai	—	37.0	23.7
Bhubaneswar	—	39.7	25.2	Mysuru	—	35.0	22.0
Chandigarh	—	34.8	18.8	New Delhi	—	35.7	19.5
Chennai	—	34.1	27.6	Patna	—	39.0	23.3
Coimbatore	—	33.5	20.6	Port Blair	26	31.0	25.0
Dehradun	—	35.2	15.8	Puducherry	—	33.2	23.3
Gangtok	—	22.0	12.9	Pune	—	39.7	22.4
Goa	—	35.0	28.0	Raipur	—	40.0	24.0
Guwahati	—	35.0	18.8	Ranchi	—	35.0	20.0
Hubballi	—	36.0	23.0	Shillong	—	25.0	15.9
Hyderabad	—	35.3	22.7	Shimla	—	27.2	13.6
Imphal	—	30.9	20.2	Srinagar	—	22.4	6.0
Jaipur	—	38.0	23.0	Thiruvananthapuram	50	32.8	23.8
Kochi	—	32.2	25.2	Tiruchi	—	36.7	25.4
Kohima	—	29.6	16.4	Vijayawada	—	36.2	26.2
Kolkata	—	37.8	26.4	Visakhapatnam	—	34.6	26.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.73	.43	10	254	197	
Bengaluru	.9	.23	25	39	103	
Chennai	.19	.1	44	57	40	
Delhi	.38	.53	17	198	238	
Hyderabad	.6	.94	.9	79	101	
Kolkata	.15	.35	25	105	101	
Lucknow	.15	.38	23	129	225	
Mumbai	.16	.68	21	75	121	
Pune	.12	136	40	120	116	
Visakhapatnam	.11	.57	34	75	110	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Agartala, Tripura recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 314 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ED seizes ₹1.5 crore during raids at Gokulam Gopalan's premises

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has claimed to have seized ₹1.5 crore in cash and "incriminating documents" in violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, following searches conducted on the residential and office premises of businessman Gokulam Gopalan, a producer of the recently released Mohanlal-starrer *L2: Empuraan*.

A release from the Kochi zonal office of the ED on Saturday said the searches were held on Friday and Saturday at one location in Kozhikode and at two locations in Chennai owned by Sree Gokulam Chits and Finance Co(P) Ltd.

The probe reportedly revealed that the company had collected ₹371.8 crore in cash and ₹220.74 crore in cheque from people residing outside India. It was also noticed that significant amounts were paid in cash to such people in violation of FEMA, 1999. Further probe is under way, the release added.

I-T dept. serves notice on actor Prithviraj

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Income Tax (I-T) department has sought clarifications from actor-director Prithviraj Sukumaran related to his income earned from a few movies released earlier.

It is learnt that the notice was served in the last week of March by the I-T department in Kochi. Mr. Sukumaran was told to submit his response before April-end. The clarifications sought were related to a few movies he co-produced. He recently came under attack by the right wing over references to the 2002 Gujarat pogrom in his latest directorial venture *L2: Empuraan* starring Mohanlal.

INBRIEF

Telangana will get 2 airports if govt. acts fast: Union Minister

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has urged the Telangana government to cooperate in the development of airports at Adilabad and Warangal to bring affordable travel to people. "If the State government acts swiftly in acquiring land and fully cooperates, the Warangal and Adilabad airports will soon be able to serve the people," the Minister said in a press statement on Saturday, a day after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh informed him that the government was ready to develop the IAF airfield at Adilabad for joint use by the military as well as civil aviation.

VHP protest on April 8

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has announced protests across Karnataka on April 8 against the Congress government's decision to introduce 4% reservation for Muslims in contracts under the OBC quota.

Apart from holding protests at all district headquarters, the VHP will also hold a rally at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on April 8, said the organisation in a statement.

"The government's decision is unconstitutional, motivated by appeasement politics and done to preserve vote bank," it added.

2 Nigerians among 3 held as police bust drug network

Two Nigerian nationals and a Hyderabad-based foreign exchange agent were arrested over alleged links to a drug trafficking network with international links, a Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB) official said on Saturday. The joint operation by TGANB and the Cyberabad Police followed financial trail that exposed a money laundering operation tied to narcotics sales. The bust, which took place in Upparpally, led to the seizure of 15 grams of cocaine, 50 grams of MDMA, and ₹45,000 in cash.

Striking satire

A *Chakyar Koothu* artist narrates the ordeal of protesting ASHA workers as part of his street performance outside the secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday. The traditional Kerala art form employs satire and humour for social commentary. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Gold bars worth over ₹3 crore looted on A.P.-T.N. boundary

K. Umashanker
CHITTOOR

A gang of five armed men looted 3.75 kg of gold worth over ₹3 crore from a gold trader and his staff, after waylaying them at V. Kota, 90 km from Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh on Friday night.

The robbery was reported on the Nayakaneri forest road on the Andhra Pradesh-Tamil Nadu boundary.

According to police sources, the merchant and his staff were carrying gold bars from Vellore in Tamil Nadu to the Kolar Gold Fields in Karnataka when their car was blocked by the masked gang, which looted the gold from them by brandishing knives. Later, the gang members fled into the thickets. The victims rushed to the V. Kota police station and lodged a complaint.

Four search teams

Superintendent of Police Manikanta Chandolu has formed four special teams to apprehend the gang. Surveillance has been stepped up across the tri-State junction of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

A police officer, who is part of the investigation, said they suspected the involvement of an insider.

Telangana flags 'fake content' over Kancha Gachibowli land row

Ravi Reddy
R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, former Telangana Minister G. Jagadish Reddy, social media influencer Dhruv Rathee, and actors John Abraham, Dia Mirza, and Raveena Tandon were among those who shared Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated misinformation on the Kancha Gachibowli lands, officials informed Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at a high-level meeting on the issue here on Saturday.

The review meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, D. Anasuya Seethakka and Director General of Police Jithender, among others. The officials also expressed serious concern that 'fabricated media, including audio of distressed peacocks and videos showing deer injured by bulldozers, had gone viral.' They said they had identified AI-generated content falsely depicting ecological destruction, shared widely by celebrities and politicians, including a Union Minister.

Mr. Reddy expressing concern compared the spread of AI-generated misinformation as "digital pandemic" worse than COVID-19 and urged the officials to pursue legal action.

Telangana tunnel rescue: GSI, Irrigation officials keeping tab on conditions inside

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The authorities from Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Telangana Irrigation Department are keeping a constant tab on the conditions inside the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel in Nagarkurnool, particularly in the last 110 metres stretch towards the end-rock where the bodies of six more persons are still trapped under the debris, to ensure safety of the rescue personnel engaged in clearing the debris.

Prolonged efforts: The rescue operations are carried out with the help of a conveyor belt and locomotive train. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The last stretch is highly risky with the chances of further caving in of the tunnel due to continuous seepage of water.

The multi-agency rescue teams are simultaneously carrying out the work to dig hardened debris, removal of slush and boulders and shifting of metal parts of the tunnel boring machine (TBM) with the help of a conveyor belt and locomotive train on Saturday – the 43rd day of the rescue operation. According to the Special Officer, appointed to oversee the rescue operation by coordinating with the rescue agencies, Siva Sankar Lotheti, the digging work and debris removal gained pace and the de-watering process is also in progress continuously.

Lighting and supply of fresh air are being extended inside the tunnel.

Later, Mr. Lotheti reviewed the rescue operation with the Army officials Vikas Singh and Vijay Kumar; senior project engineer of the Jaypee Associates Sanjay Kumar Singh; officials of Singareni Collieries; State Disaster Response Force (SDRF); Hyderabad Disaster Response Force (HYDRAA), South Central Railway (SCR) and other agencies.

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India, Sri Lanka sign 7 MoUs, enhance ties

Mr. Dissanayake conferred the 'Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana' title on Mr. Modi, saying that it was "a symbol of the enduring friendship and unwavering, multifaceted support that he has consistently extended to Sri Lanka and its people." Sri Lanka, like India, "firmly believes" in the potential of South Asia to rise and shine on the world stage and the two countries must strive to achieve that goal together, the leftist Sri Lankan leader observed.

In his statement, Mr. Modi announced that relics of the Buddha, found in 1960 in the Aravali region in Gujarat, would be sent to Sri Lanka for an exposition during the Vesak festivities – commemorating the birth, enlightenment and the death of the Buddha – in May this year. India would also support the renovation of the Thirukoneswaram temple in Trincomalee and the construction of the sacred city in the Anuradhapura Mahabodhi temple complex, and the Sita Eliya temple in Nuwara Eliya, he said.

Earlier on Saturday, the Prime Minister received the guard of honour at Colombo's Independence Square and a ceremonial welcome at the Presidential Secretariat, where he held bilateral discussions with Mr. Dissanayake.

Tamil parties call for India's continued role

They discussed the pending political solution and other concerns of Tamils, including an ongoing land grab by state agencies, amid a growing perception that India's interest in the Tamil question may be waning in the wake of growing geopolitical challenges.

"We told the Prime Minister that the Tamil question is yet to be resolved and that it has been acknowledged that the 13th Amendment [a constitutional amendment ensuring a measure of power devolution] does not meet the ideals of the Accord. As a friendly, close neighbour, we urged India to encourage the Sri Lankan government to take steps towards meaningful devolution," ITAK general secretary M.A. Sumanthiran told *The Hindu*. "We told him that our party was called the Federal Party and has pushed for a federal structure in governance."

The delegation also sought India's intervention in ensuring the conduct of the Provincial Council elections, as "part of the process of achieving meaningful power devolution". In his address earlier on Saturday, Mr. Modi said he had discussed reconstruction and reconciliation with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake. "He appraised me of his inclusive approach. We hope that the Sri Lankan government will meet the aspirations of the Tamil people and fulfil its commitment towards fully implementing the Constitution of Sri Lanka, and conducting Provincial Council elections," Mr. Modi said.

Centre holds talks with Kuki-Zo, Meitei teams

The meeting was attended by Manipur Chief Secretary P.K. Singh. "Since this was the first such meeting, several issues were discussed and the meeting was cordial. No decision was taken. The process shall continue," the official said.

After May 3, 2023, around 6,020 police weapons and lakhs of rounds of ammunition were looted from police armouries. After Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla's appeal on February 20 to surrender the weapons, as many as 1,063 weapons, 15,027 rounds of ammunition, 684 improvised explosive devices, and 5,971 'other items' were surrendered. Around 260 people have been killed in the violence in Manipur, and scores are still missing. More than 62,000 people displaced from their homes are living in relief camps.

The meeting lasted six hours and was attended by 15 representatives from the Kuki-Zo Council, the Zomi Council, the Federation of Civil Societies (FOCS), and the All Manipur United Clubs Organisation (AMUCO). It was chaired by A.K Mishra, Adviser (northeast), MHA.

Meanwhile, in a post on X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "The discussion in Parliament on Manipur was rushed through at an unearthly hour simply so that no uncomfortable questions would be raised."

Rights should not be misused, says Shinde

He congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the passage of the amended Waqf Bill in Parliament, slamming the Shiv Sena (UBT) for opposing it. He said that his party was the true flag-bearer of Balasaheb Thackeray's ideology. "Modiji must be congratulated as he has ended corruption. There was no appeal in the earlier Waqf law. Entire village was claimed by Waqf once in Maharashtra. Several such incidents have been reported in the past. Now, there will be transparency," he said.

Asked about the Opposition's criticism comparing them [the BJP and the Shiv Sena] to the founder of Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, he said, "Those who stay with Rahul Gandhi will see only Jinnah. What else can be expected of them?"

(You can watch the video interview on 'Pulse Maharashtra', a show launched on The Hindu's YouTube channel on Saturday)

U.S. Vice-President Vance and NSA Waltz set to visit India this month

Vance to be accompanied by his wife and children to heritage spots during the 'largely private' tour, officials say; Waltz will hold talks with NSA Doval on the successor mechanism to the India-U.S. Initiative for Critical and Emerging Technologies

Suhasini Haidar
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After a few postponements, U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance, his wife, Usha Chilukuri Vance, and their children are set to visit India later this month, sources in Delhi confirmed. Mr. Vance, who met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Paris and Washington this year, had sent out feelers for the visit to India, and in particular for a chance for a "heritage" tour for his family, given his wife is an American of South Indian origin.

While officials said the U.S. Vice-President's visit will coincide with a planned visit of U.S. National Security Adviser Mike Waltz, Mr. Vance's schedule is likely to be "largely private". Mr. Vance is expected to call on Mr. Modi, who will host a dinner for the Vance family in Delhi. The Vances are set to travel to Jaipur and Agra, for what is called the "Golden Triangle" tour, popular with tourists, during their four-day trip.

Private tour: U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance, wife Usha Vance and their children are expected to visit Delhi, Jaipur and Agra. FILE PHOTO

The sources said the visit would likely take place between April 21 and 24, though there may be some adjustments depending on Mr. Modi's schedule, given that the PM is expected to travel to Saudi Arabia from April 22 to 24 for a long-delayed bilateral visit.

During his trip, Mr. Waltz will hold talks with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on the successor mechanism to the India-U.S. Initiative for Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET), which has now given way to Transforming Relations Utilising Strategic Technologies (TRUST). Mr. Waltz's schedule will include a speaking engagement at the Indo-U.S. Forum organised by the Delhi-based Ananta Centre.

The visits by Mr. Vance and Mr. Waltz, which follow that of the U.S. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, and come ahead of a visit by Defence Secretary Peter Hegseth this summer, are expected to prepare for a trip by U.S. President Donald Trump later this year, when he is expected to attend the Quad Summit and sign the first part of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between India and the U.S., which is being negotiated at present.

On tariffs

The visits will also be the first since the U.S. administration's "reciprocal tariffs", which include a 26% overall tax on Indian goods. They would be a chance for New Delhi to convey its response to the unilateral action by the U.S., which has led to global market indices falling, and is likely to cause further economic disruption.

Mr. Vance's India tour with his family will come after two controversial trips abroad as U.S. Vice-President. His first foreign trip after being sworn in was in February to France and Germany where he ruffled feathers by criticising European countries for ignoring freedom of speech and migration issues, which was seen as his support for right-wing political parties there.

Mr. Vance then travelled to Greenland in March along with Ms. Vance and Mr. Waltz to double-down on Mr. Trump's claims over the Denmark-controlled island.

The visit appeared to backfire as the Vances remained on the U.S. military base in remote Pituffik for the entire duration, where Mr. Vance berated Denmark for "not doing a good job" in ensuring Greenland's security.

Justice Varma takes oath as Allahabad HC judge

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Justice Yashwant Varma, who is at the centre of a raging controversy after unaccounted-for cash was found at his official residence, took oath as a judge at the Allahabad High Court on Saturday.

Unlike the conventional oath-taking ceremony, Justice Varma took oath in a private ceremony. However, he will not be assigned any judicial work till the Supreme Court-ordered inquiry against him is over.

The Centre repatriated him from the Delhi High Court to Allahabad on March 28, following a recommendation from the Supreme Court Collegium. The lawyers of the Allahabad High Court had protested against the transfer.

In a letter to the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, Justice Arun Bhansali, the High Court Bar Association, Allahabad, criticised the "clandestine manner" in which Justice Varma was administered the oath of office.

Sri Lanka's Tamil political leaders urge India to ban bottom-trawling

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Tamil political leaders on Saturday urged India to ban bottom trawling in order to decisively resolve the fisheries conflict affecting the fishermen of northern Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu.

Raising the long-running tussle for resources in the Palk Bay, the Sri Lankan Tamil politicians highlighted its devastating impact on war-affected Tamil fishermen in Sri Lanka's Northern Province and the marine ecosystem of the Palk Bay.

During a meeting, Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi general secretary M.A. Sumanthiran recalled the agreement reached by the Governments of India and Sri Lanka in 2016, to "expedite the transition towards ending the practice of bottom trawling at the earliest". Mr. Sumanthiran, who was part of the Sri Lankan delegation to the Ministerial-level talks in New Delhi in November 2016, said, "We told PM Modi that we appreciate the initiatives taken by the Indian government to promote deep-sea fishing, but pointed to the problem of bottom trawling persisting till date."

Deep issue: Fishing trawlers, which were detained in Sri Lankan ports, being brought to Rameswaram fishing jetty. L. BALACHANDAR

Sri Lanka banned bottom trawling in 2017, following a private member's Bill moved by Mr. Sumanthiran, a former MP of Jaffna. India currently follows a seasonal ban on fishing along its east coast, for nearly two months every year between mid-April and mid-June, to allow for fish breeding.

The message from the Sri Lankan politicians assumes greater significance ahead of Mr. Modi's visit to Rameswaram, from where a sizeable number of bottom trawlers originate and are periodically seized by the Sri Lankan Navy, on charges of illegal fishing in Sri Lankan waters.

Both Mr. Modi and Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake mentioned their discussion about the fisheries conflict in their statements on Saturday morning. While Mr. Modi said the leaders had agreed on a "humane approach", he emphasised the need for immediate release of the Indian fishermen and their boats.

Mr. Dissanayake, who underscored the need for a "cooperative approach for a sustainable solution", said that "recognising the serious environmental damage caused by bottom trawling... we called for decisive measures to halt this activity and to address illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing."

Kunal Kamra skips summons by Mumbai Police for third time

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra failed to appear before the Mumbai police for the third time on Saturday in connection with a case registered against him for allegedly calling Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde a traitor, an official said.

The Khar police booked Mr. Kamra after Shiv Sena MLA Murji Patel registered a complaint for allegedly making defamatory remarks against Mr. Shinde during his stand-up comedy show. The show, on which Mr. Kamra had made a joke about the split in Shiv Sena, was uploaded on YouTube. Following that, party workers ransacked The Habitat studio where the show was held on March 23.

Kunal Kamra

The Mumbai police had asked Mr. Kamra to appear before it on Saturday. This was the third summons issued to Mr. Kamra. Earlier this week, the Khar police visited his residence in Mahim after he had skipped the previous two summons.

Meanwhile, Rahool Kanal, social media in-charge of Mr. Shinde, appreciated BookMyShow for allegedly removing Mr. Kamra's shows from the artists' list on the app.

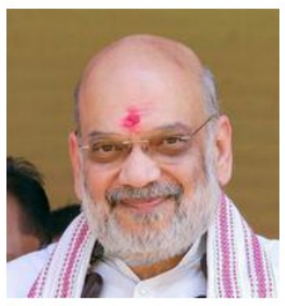
At Dantewada, Amit Shah appeals to Maoists to give up arms, join mainstream

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday appealed to Maoists to lay down arms and join the mainstream.

"Even today, I have come to request all Naxalite brothers, those who have arms in their hands and those who don't, that you lay down arms, join the mainstream. You are our own. No one is happy when a Naxalite is killed, but this region wants development," he said, during the closing ceremony of the Chhattisgarh government's 'Bastar Pandum' festival in Dantewada.

Laying down the contours of development, he said that it could happen only when children go to schools, tehsil had health facilities, and when every person had Aadhaar, ration card, and health insurance.



Amit Shah

Mr. Shah said that disinformation was being spread that innocent tribal youth were being killed [in anti-Maoist operations]. "Brothers and sisters, no one wants to kill anyone. No matter what you have done, come to the mainstream, the governments of India and Chhattisgarh will completely protect you. But now by picking up arms, banning the whole of Bastar, and holding it at arrow point, [you] cannot stop the development of Bastar," he said.

The Minister said that Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma had already announced that villages which help convince extremists to surrender, and declare themselves Maoist-free, would be sanctioned ₹1 crore in development funds.

The Centre and the State have been moving ahead with a two-pronged approach against Naxalism, he said, noting that 521 Maoists have laid down arms thus far in 2025, while 881 had surrendered in 2024. "Those who surrender will become part of the mainstream, and those who do not will be taken on by the security forces. The BJP government will free the country of the 'red terror' by March next year," he said.

Instead of *bhay* (fear), Bastar would be synonymous with *bhavishya* (future), he added.

'Navy ensures that no Indian Ocean Region nation stifles another'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister flagged off the Navy's offshore patrol vessel *INS Sunayna* as IOS SAGAR on Saturday

The Indian Navy ensures that "no nation" in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) suppresses another on the basis of "overwhelming" economy and military power, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday after he flagged off the Navy's offshore patrol vessel *INS Sunayna* as Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR (Security & Growth for All in the Region) in Karwar, Karnataka with 44 naval personnel from nine countries in the IOR.

Later, Mr. Singh inaugurated several operational, repair and logistic facilities constructed under Project Seabird at a cost of ₹2,000 crore. The flag-off coincides with the 10th anniversary of the SAGAR initiative and National Maritime Day.

Addressing the representatives from partner nations, Mr. Singh termed the launch of *IOS SAGAR* as a reflection of India's commitment to peace, prosperity, and collective security in maritime domain. "It is not just related to our security and national interests, it also points towards equality of rights and duties among our friendly countries in the region. Our Navy ensures that, in the IOR, no nation suppresses another on the basis of an overwhelming economy or military power. We ensure that the nations' interests are protected without compromising their sovereignty," he said.

The Minister was accompanied by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Navy chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Defence Secretary R.K. Singh and others.

Murmu gives assent to Waqf Bill passed by Parliament

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Law Ministry said in a notification on Saturday.

The Bill was passed by Parliament after three days of intense debate in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The legislation has, however, been challenged by AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and Congress MP Mohammed Javed in the Supreme Court on grounds of violating constitutional principles.

The government, however, has denied that the law would interfere with religious practices of Muslims.

Home Minister Amit Shah had said in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday that non-Muslims have been included in the Waqf Board to ensure that Waqf donations are used only for the purpose it is meant for.

‘Unfortunate that BJP wants to politicise office of Lok Sabha Speaker’

Cong. leader says parliamentary procedures and conventions are being violated by the current government; he adds that Waqf Bill aligns with the larger agenda of the BJP and the Sangh Parivar which was to target religious minorities and deny their constitutional rights; he accuses Centre of scheduling Manipur Bill discussion at an inconvenient time to ensure that no real debate could take place

INTERVIEW

K.C. Venugopal

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The passage of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill was the highlight of the Budget Session of Parliament, which concluded on Friday. Congress general secretary (organisation) and Public Accounts Committee Chairman K.C. Venugopal speaks on the key takeaways. Edited excerpts:

The Budget Session witnessed some tension between Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and the Congress. Without naming Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Mr. Birla described her comments about the Waqf Bill being “bulldozed” as “unfortunate”.

It is very sad to say that nowadays, parliamentary procedures and conventions are being totally violated by the current government. It is most unfortunate that the BJP wants to politicise the office of the Lok Sabha Speaker. We have serious complaints about how Parliament is being run. We had submitted a letter to the Speaker listing 12 important issues. Parliament functions based on two principles – rules and the Speaker’s directions as well as parliamentary conventions. Here, both are being violated by this government.

We wanted to raise the issue of tariffs imposed by the U.S. but the Chair didn’t allow that and we were compelled to stage a protest outside the House. This is the biggest issue that will impact the lives of our citizens but we are unable to discuss it in Parliament.

In this session, we sought discussions under Rule 193 [short duration discussion without voting]. However, even when the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) recommended certain discussions, the government overruled them. There is a saying that the government must have its way and the Opposition must have its say.

The Constitution mandates the position of Deputy Speaker, yet this government has not appointed one. This is unprecedented. There is no instance in parliamentary history where a government has avoided appointing a Deputy Speaker for so long.

And regarding Sonia Gandhi *ji*’s statement, she was speaking in a Congress Parliamentary Party meeting about the general attitude of this government.

We saw the Speaker censuring the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, about his conduct. Mr. Gandhi said that he is not allowed to speak.

According to the book on

SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

parliamentary practices by Shakdher and Kaul [Practice and procedure of Parliament: M N Kaul and S L Shakdher], the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition have equal rights in Parliament. Basically, when the government presents its viewpoint, the Opposition must also be allowed to voice its concerns.

But whenever the Opposition leader raises serious issues, they are not given the opportunity to speak. If you have an issue with the Opposition leader, you can call him in the chamber and exchange your views. That’s a healthy parliamentary tradition. Instead, they [the government] are attempting to insult the leader and, in doing so, the institution of the Opposition itself.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the passage of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill marks a watershed moment in the collective quest for socio-economic justice, transparency and inclusive growth, while you have called it an assault on the Constitution.

The Prime Minister may call it a “watershed moment,” but for us, it is a clear attack on constitutional principles. This aligns with the larger agenda of the BJP and the Sangh Parivar – to target religious minorities and deny their constitutional rights, including religious freedom under Article 26.

For the BJP and the Sangh Parivar, this may indeed be a “watershed moment” because it helps them push their divisive agenda.

We have seen similar communal rhetoric from BJP leaders during the 2024 Lok Sabha election, saying mangalsutras would be snatched and so on. That is why we are saying this is an attack on the Constitution.

Another highlight of the session was the 2 a.m. discussion in the Lok Sabha on Manipur. You were seen strongly protesting about it. The BJP pointed out that the Leader of the Opposition didn’t wait for the Home Minister’s reply.

We had even suggested to the Speaker that a discussion could be held the following morning – Thursday morning – whether for an hour, an hour and a half, or two hours. There was no urgent business before the House. Instead, the government deliberately scheduled the Manipur Bill discussion at an inconvenient time, ensuring no real debate could take place.

This is an insult to the people of Manipur, who deserve at least some basic decency from the Central government. In the past, we urged the Prime Minister to convene an all-party meeting and send a unified message of solidarity. In Parliament, this was a crucial opportunity to send a strong message, but instead, the government deliberately scheduled the discussion in the early hours when hardly anyone could participate meaningfully. Maybe they avoided a proper discussion because they are aware of their failures in Manipur.

One also saw the INDIA bloc, all of them coming together on the Waqf Bill, even though the constituents were fighting each other during recent Assembly polls in Haryana and Delhi. Is the alliance now restricted only to Parliament?

The INDIA bloc was formed as a national-level alliance to counter the BJP government’s authoritarian rule. Differences between parties during State elections are natural, but that does not affect the broader alliance at the national level. We continue to consult each other on national issues and will maintain a united front against the BJP’s policies. The BJP is posing a serious threat to democracy, and that is why the INDIA Bloc remains committed to working together.

At AICC session in Gujarat, party to focus on reboot of organisation

Recent electoral setbacks have brought renewed focus on organisational weaknesses of the party; revamp plan includes empowering DCCs to identify candidates for local-level elections, scrutinise voter lists, raise funds, run media campaigns

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The upcoming session of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in Gujarat is aimed as much at conveying political intent as preparing a road map for political revival.

Recent electoral setbacks in Haryana, Maharashtra and Delhi – following a modest improvement in the Lok Sabha election – have brought renewed focus on the organisational weaknesses of the party.

The Congress’s organisational frailty, especially in comparison to the BJP-RSS combine, has been a talking point ever since the BJP replaced it as the dominant national force in 2014. The other abiding criticism has been its lack of ideological clarity.

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge during a meeting with District Congress Committee presidents. PTI

The two editions of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, appear to have settled the ideological question for now. The party has positioned the protection of constitutional values, implementation of a caste census, and increased representation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and those at the bottom of the social pyramid in the country’s political and economic spheres as its broad ideological contours.

The focus has shifted to strengthening the party organisation. The year 2025, which sees relatively fewer elections, has been declared the year of organisational revamp. In this context, the District Congress Committees (DCCs) have been identified as the key units to drive this change.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Mr. Gandhi have held three rounds of cluster meetings with 862 DCC chiefs in the past few days.

The revamp plan includes empowering DCCs to identify suitable candidates for local-level elections, manage booth-level operations, scrutinise voter lists, raise funds for the party, run media and social media campaigns and take forward the ideological fight against the BJP.

Fresh district-level appointments have already taken place in Bihar, where elections are expected later. But Gujarat will serve as the starting point for the party to try out its new template ahead of the 2027 Assembly poll.

Take stakeholders, political parties into confidence on U.S. tariffs, Cong. urges govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday urged the Narendra Modi government to take political parties and stakeholders into confidence before formulating a response to reciprocal tariffs imposed by the U.S.

At a press conference, former Union Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma termed the imposition of tariffs “unfortunate” and “unilateral”, and said national interests should be kept foremost while formulating its strategy.

He suggested that the government hold consultations with all stakeholders to protect their interests

Anand Sharma

and constitute a task force of experts to evolve steps to deal with the issue and monitor the trade.

“It is a matter of grave concern. The unilateral imposition of high tariffs by U.S. President Trump has created massive disruption. This is unprecedented. It threatens to create a major upheaval in all economies, big or small, whether rich and developed countries or the developing and poor countries,” he said.

He said Mr. Trump’s decision had “turned on its head” the multilateral trade system and delivered a body blow to the world economy, trade and the World Trade Organization, the only organisation which has responsibility to conduct a rule-based global trade.

Asserting that there cannot be trade without a rules-based system, he said the Trump administration’s move was in violation of all international agreements, rules and principles.

Restore full statehood to J&K: CPI(M) resolution

The Hindu Bureau
MADURAI

The CPI(M) party congress on Saturday adopted a resolution calling upon the Centre to restore full statehood and democracy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Introduced by party Central Committee member M.Y. Tarigami, the resolution said the unconstitutional abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A had dismembered and downgraded the State, with its bifurcation into Union Territories creating a deep political void, intensifying the sense of uncertainty and alienation among the people. “Civil liberties, human rights and democratic freedoms continue to be eroded. Arbitrary arrests under draconian laws like the UAPA and PSA have become the norm. Hundreds of political activists and journalists remain incarcerated inside and outside J&K. Youth are being denied job opportunities under the pretext of security verification, while passports are withheld on flimsy grounds,” it said.

M.A. Baby may take charge as new CPI(M) general secretary

S. Anandan
MADURAI

At the close of the 24th congress of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Sunday, Polit Bureau member M.A. Baby is tipped to be elected general secretary.

Meanwhile, a small section of leaders, especially from West Bengal, want Ashok Dhawale, Polit Bureau member and president of the All India Kisan Sabha, to helm the party.

Seven members of the 17-member Polit Bureau – Prakash Karat, Brinda Karat, Subhashini Ali, G. Ramakrishnan, Pinarayi Vijayan, Manik Sarkar, and Surjya Kanta Mishra – will step down if the age criterion of 75 years is complied with. Most leaders indicated on Saturday that since the age stipulation was followed in State conferences and at lower levels, it is unlikely to be altered.

While Mr. Sarkar, who turned 76, was included in the Tripura State Committee, whether he will be retained in the Polit Bureau remains inconclusive.

M.A. Baby

Speculation is rife about Mr. Vijayan, who is already on an extension, potentially receiving another term due to his responsibility as Chief Minister of Kerala. However, reports suggested that some leaders objected to another extension for Mr. Vijayan.

If the senior leader receives an extension, seven new members will still be elected to the Polit Bureau, including the vacancy created by the demise of Sitaram Yechury. Among the names being considered for the Polit Bureau are Vijoo Krishnan, K. Hemalata, Mariam Dhawale, Srideep Bhattacharya, U. Vasuki, Jitendra Choudhury and E.P. Jayarajan.

CPI(M) keen on improving quality of membership

The Hindu Bureau
MADURAI

The draft political-organisational report of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), currently being discussed at the party’s 24th congress, notes an increase in party membership from 9,85,757 in 2021 to 10,19,009 in 2024. But it also highlights a decline in membership quality.

“While we have a rigorous recruitment process, it is not really adhered to which results in candidate members without proper education of the party programme receiving full membership,” said a senior leader. A rectification process will be launched soon after the party congress is over, the report said.

The report recommends a slew of measures to attract the youth and strike a connect with the people.

Party workers, the report says, should be more active in reaching out to believers since the RSS-BJP combine uses “faith and places of worship to penetrate their ideology”.

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European Union envoys discuss climate action with Indian officials

Joint diplomatic mission aims at reinforcing EU-India cooperation on climate action, trade, and investment, particularly in the lead-up to future international climate talks; the attempt is to better understand India's challenges and objectives

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Furthering dialogue: European Union climate envoys during a discussion with officials from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in New Delhi. @MNREINDIA/X

Climate envoys representing Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the European External Action Service (EEAS) held a series of meetings in New Delhi earlier this week with officials from the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministries of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and New and Renewable Energy, and representatives from industry and research institutions.

The joint diplomatic mission aimed to reinforce EU-India cooperation on climate action, trade, and investment, particularly in the lead-up to future international climate negotiations. Organised in coordination with the European Commission (EC), the talks come in the wake of the recent visit by the College of Commissioners in February, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and EC President Ursula von der Layen announced expediting the conclusion of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement by 2025-end.

Speaking at a briefing on Friday, Prince Jaime de Bourbon de Parme, Climate Envoy for the Netherlands, highlighted the significance of the relationship. "India is an incredibly important trading partner. We are recalibrating and refocusing on our partners. The EU is a stable partner in a very dynamic world. Following our meetings, we sense that India too is extremely receptive," he said.

Anthony Agotha, Special Envoy for Climate and Environment at the EEAS, emphasised the reliability of the European Union. "Coming from the EU, you [India] do not always have to like us. We do not have the monopoly on virtue, but neither on vice. What you see is what you get. We fulfil our treaties. As PM Modi and the EC President have reiterated, we are big democracies, huge pluralist societies with an intent to uphold the multi-lateral order," Mr. Agotha said.

This year, the 30th edition of the annual climate meet is expected to take place in Belem, Brazil in November. While bilateral meetings involving climate envoys are not unusual, the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement as well as the tariff war unleashed by President Donald Trump has thrown up questions on decisive future action on climate.

The joint diplomatic mission, organised in coordination with the European Commission, comes in the wake of the recent visit by the college of European Commissioners in February. The five European envoys travelled to Delhi not only to underline that the EU is staying the course on its clean transition but also to listen to and better understand India's challenges and objectives with a view to the further diplomatic strengthening of India-EU cooperation on multilateral climate diplomacy and bilateral climate related trade and investment, an accompanying statement added.

Panel seeks reform of ASI monument delisting protocols

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Amid the controversy over demands for the removal of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's grave, a Parliamentary Committee has asked the Union Culture Ministry to form an independent panel to revisit and reform the criteria required for delisting a monument from the list of Archaeological Survey of India-protected spots.

Delisting of sites means removing a monument from the ASI list of protected sites, effectively releasing the institution from its responsibility to conserve, protect, and maintain that monument, and allowing regular construction and urbanisation activities in the area.

Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat informed Parliament that the ASI has been continuously taking "proactive measures" in coordination with the district administration to "mitigate" any damage to the tomb of Aurangzeb in Khuldabad.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee in its report said delisting protocols require reform. "An independent panel should reassess criteria to ensure delisting occurs only after rigorous documentation and public consultation, paired with a relic repatriation policy for displaced artefacts."

By combining technology, legal rigour, climate adaptation, and community participation, India can balance heritage conservation with developmental pressures, safeguarding its cultural legacy for future generations. These steps would align with ASI's mandate while addressing systemic gaps in monument management, it said.

Anime and Manga contest showcases Indian talent

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The WAVES Anime and Manga (WAM) contest, conducted by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, in collaboration with the Media and Entertainment Association of India, is organising State-level competitions across 11 cities. The contest will culminate in a finale at the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 in Mumbai in May.

According to the Ministry, WAM encourages artists to develop localised adaptations of popular Japanese styles, catering to both Indian and global audiences with opportunities for publishing, distribution, and industry exposure. "WAVES aims to position India as a global powerhouse in media and entertainment... It's a first-of-its-kind summit, uniting films, OTT platforms, AI, and the burgeoning Animation, Visual effects, Gaming, Comics, Extended Reality sector under one roof," said an official.

INBRIEF

Pakistan intruder shot dead along International Border

An intruder was shot dead near the International Border in Jammu on Saturday. "An intruder was observed crossing the International Border. He was challenged by the alert Border Security Force (BSF) troops, but paid no heed and kept on moving. BSF troops, sensing the threat, neutralised the intruder," a BSF spokesman said. The identity and motive of the intruder were being ascertained.

Akal Takht chief priest seeks law against desecration

Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargajj, officiating chief priest of Akal Takht, on Saturday urged the Centre and the Punjab government to enact a special law in connection with cases involving the desecration of the sacred Guru Granth Sahib. He said that incidents of desecration of Guru Granth Sahib have continued to take place in Punjab and other States. He pointed out that all the political parties have failed to do what is truly necessary – creating a law that would ensure strict punishment for those guilty of desecration.

Amit Shah-led panel clears ₹1,280 cr. for disaster relief

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A High-Level Committee led by Union Minister Amit Shah approved ₹1,280.35 crore additional Central assistance to Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, affected by floods, flash floods, cloudbursts, landslides, cyclonic storms, during 2024.

Of the ₹1,280.35 crore, ₹588.73 crore is for Bihar, ₹136.22 crore for Himachal Pradesh, ₹522.34 crore for Tamil Nadu and ₹33.06 crore for Puducherry.

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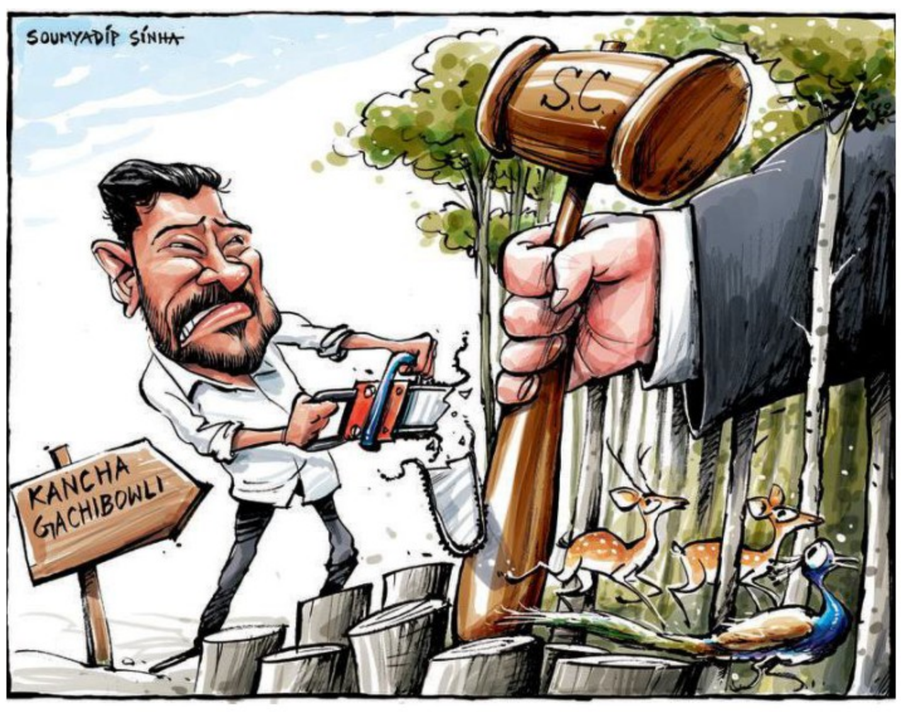

UGC notifies system to grant equivalence to foreign degrees

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the establishment of a standardised framework to streamline the recognition of, and grant of equivalence degrees for, academic qualifications obtained from foreign educational institutions.

The framework will, however, not be applicable for professional qualifications in disciplines such as medicine, law, pharmacy, and nursing.

"These regulations may be called the University Grants Commission (Recognition and Grant of Equivalence to Qualifications obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025," the UGC notification dated April 4 said.

"They shall not apply to professional qualifications awarded by foreign educational institutions in disciplines such as Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Law, and Architecture, and such other qualifications regulated by the norms of respective Statutory Councils in India," it said.

UGC Chairman Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar said many students returned with international qualifications to seamlessly integrate with India's higher education system or workforce. Such students needed a structured procedure to evaluate foreign credentials without unpredictable delays and procedural ambiguity. Acknowledging this challenge, the UGC had decided to establish a standardised equivalence framework by bringing in a new regulation.

He said that this move was crucial given the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020's vision of transforming India into a global study destination.

Among the parameters that would govern the equivalence process would be the legitimacy of the foreign institution, the duration and level of the qualification, and its comparability to Indian programmes.

The new framework involves setting up a Standing Committee on Equivalence that will vet institutions and qualifications for their validity and parity with Indian standards. It provides for the establishment of a portal for applicants to submit requests for equivalence and track their status. Each application submitted on the portal will be evaluated by a Standing Committee of education experts, which must issue its recommendation within 10 working days.

FDA uncovers 'significant' data falsification by Indian company

R. Prasad
CHENNAI

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has notified an unspecified number of drug companies that data from all in vitro bioequivalence studies conducted by the Navi Mumbai-based contract research organisation (CRO) Raptim Research Ltd. "must be rejected" due to data falsification. The letter mentions that the FDA had identified data falsification for "multiple subjects/samples across multiple studies".

The FDA had inspected the company between April 24 and April 28, 2023. They also carried out post-inspection data analyses.

The letter further says that because Raptim Research has been "responsible for the creation of false in vitro study data", it has "no reason to believe that any in vitro data that Raptim [Research] has produced are reliable". Hence, the FDA has "determined that all study data from all in vitro studies conducted at Raptim [Research] must be rejected". The drug regulator has told the companies that the data generated by Raptim Research will not be sufficient to support a bioequivalence finding. The companies have been asked to reconduct the in vitro studies at an alternate study site besides Raptim Research.

In an email dated March 27, 2025, the FDA told Rajen Shah, Owner and Director of Raptim Research, that "significant objectionable conditions" were observed during the inspection and data analyses. As per the email, the FDA had sent a General Correspondence Letter (GCL) on August 6, 2024, asking the company to provide responses to the concerns raised. The FDA had observed "nearly identical concentration profiles between different donors in different studies for different sponsors".

The September 4, 2024, and October 17, 2024 responses by the company had failed to "adequately address FDA's concerns or explain what caused the significant data anomalies", leading to the FDA sending the letter on March 27, 2025. The FDA's email also mentions that the company failed to "provide a scientifically valid reason why the evidence of falsification of data discussed in FDA's GCL should not call into question all in vitro study data generated by your firm".

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Organiser withdraws article after Cong. questions its 'motive'

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The English magazine *Organiser*, linked to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), has pulled down an article on the comparison of the land owned by the Catholic Church and the Waqf Board. The withdrawal happened after the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, alleged that after Muslims, the Bharatiya Janata Party was set to go after Christians.

This came at a time when the Narendra Modi government has just managed a successful passage of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025. The Opposition MPs, during the debate on the Bill in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, had contended that with this legislation, the government was targeting the Waqf properties and would soon enough shift the focus towards other communities, including Christians. The Waqf Bill was supported by the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council.

Rahul Gandhi

The article, headlined "Who has more land in India? The Catholic Churches vs Waqf Board debate", said that by owning more than seven crore hectares, the Catholic Church was "the largest non-governmental land owner".

"For many years, there has been a common belief that the Waqf Board is the second-largest landowner in India after the government. The Catholic Church of India holds the distinction of being the largest non-governmental landowner, possessing vast tracts of land spread across the country," the article reads, citing data from the Government Land Information website.

Slamming the 'motive' of the article, Mr. Gandhi said on X: "I had said that the Waqf Bill attacks Muslims now, but sets a precedent to target other communities in the future. It didn't take long for the RSS to turn its attention to Christians. The Constitution is the only shield that protects our people from such attacks – and it is our collective duty to defend it."

Prafulla Ketkar, Editor of the magazine, said the article was "an old story", revived after the Waqf Bill. "To unable to address the Christian exodus from the Congress owing to the stand on the Waqf Bill and facing Muslim wrath on Priyanka not voting on the Bill, the Congress is trying to play around a fear-mongering by the media," he added.

INBRIEF

Delhivery to buy ₹1,400-crore stake in Ecom Express Ltd.

Logistics company Delhivery Ltd. said it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire a controlling stake in Ecom Express Ltd. for cash consideration of ₹1,400 crore from its shareholders. "We believe this acquisition will enable us to service customers of both companies better, through continued bold investments in infrastructure, technology, network and people," said Sahil Barua, MD and CEO, Delhivery.

BEML launches indigenously designed motor grader

BEML Ltd., a leading mining and construction equipment maker, on Saturday launched its indigenously-designed and developed Motor Grader BG 1205 at Mysuru complex. "Designed especially for high-intensity operations in regions such as SECL Bilaspur and Northern Coalfields Ltd. in Singrauli, this state-of-the-art equipment is tailored to support the increasing need for efficient road-laying machinery capable of handling high-capacity dumpers," BEML said. PTI

Tata Capital eyes '₹20,000-cr.' IPO via confidential route

Tata Capital has filed a pre-filed or confidential Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) for its forthcoming initial public offer, the company said in a filing. The offer size was not mentioned but according to multiple sources it was expected to be over ₹20,000 crore. In February, the non-banking finance company had taken board approval for an IPO, comprising offer for sale and fresh issue of up to 23 crore shares. The number of shares to be sold in OFS was not mentioned.

Boost financial regulators' autonomy: IMF-World Bank

Current laws allow govt. to control senior managements and boards of regulators, says IMF-World Bank report; it suggests transfer of appellate authority power from MoF to an independent agency

Ashley Coutinho
MUMBAI

The power and independence of financial regulators needs to be strengthened with legislative and institutional changes, a global report based on a recent assessment of the Indian financial system said.

Current laws allow the government to control senior managements and boards of regulators, the IMF-World Bank report said. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) is the appellate authority for the RBI and has the power to overturn the latter's supervisory decisions. In 2019, the government overturned the RBI's decision to revoke the licence of a small urban cooperative bank.

Wings clipped: RBI has limited power to compel PSB mergers, pre-approve/sack board members and supersede boards. REUTERS

"While the RBI has taken steps to strengthen corporate governance, it has limited power to compel PSB mergers, pre-approve and remove board members, and supersede the boards. State-owned banks and some insurers are governed by statutes, limiting regulators' powers over them," said the report based on the work of the Financial Sector Assessment Programme mission that visited India last year.

The IMF recommended transferring the appellate authority power from MoF to an independent agency.

Similarly, IRDAI should have power to take critical supervisory actions against the dominant State-owned life insurer.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Kumbh boosted bus travel: redBus

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Shorter routes such as Bengaluru to Tirupati are benefiting from EV buses.

Pilgrim travel has been a major source of growth in intercity bus travel, Prakash Sangam, chief executive at redBus said in an interview with *The Hindu*.

Pilgrims thronging the Kumbh Mela were the most high-profile example, with a 36-fold increase in demand for buses terminating in Ayodhya, Prayagraj and Varanasi.

"We have never seen anything like this before," Mr. Sangam said. "Demand was coming from all over the country."

There was even a bus route running from Coimbatore to Prayagraj, a route longer than 2,000 kms.

The surge in bus demand comes as rail and air routes remain at capacity, something that can occasionally be a bigger problem for pilgrim sites. Bus travel firms can see demand for these routes simply because users search for them.

Demand build-up

"So we started looking at this data and went to our bus operators saying, look, we are seeing this kind of demand build up."

Pilgrim travel is shaping up to be a major portion of bus travel – according to data shared with *The Hindu*, 7% of redBus' trips throughout the year are booked by pilgrims. The top destinations include Varanasi, Tirupati, Puri, Dwarka and Shirdi.

In 2024, Tiruchendur saw the highest year-over-year growth of 62%. New pilgrim destinations such as Gaya and Kainchi Dham have seen a doubling of bus capacity. Road projects such as the Char Dham have also opened up many temples to buses.

'Inventory flex'

Bus operators have been able to serve increased demand in ways the railways and airlines haven't. "The good part about the bus and cab operators is that the inventory can easily flex when flights or trains are constricted by the number of landing slots or track availability," he said.

Uttar Pradesh's State-owned intercity bus transport company was facilitating travel to Kumbh destinations in full swing, and other States' regional transport corporations were opening up capacity too.

But "the sheer volume of buses that private operators were able to mobilise, was a lot more," Mr. Sangam said. Shorter routes such as Bengaluru to Tirupati are benefiting from EV buses, which Mr. Sangam said currently constituted around 1% of private fleet.

Britannia's AI retail pilot to aid visually impaired

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Britannia Industries has unveiled an AI pilot leveraging Google Astra's capabilities to enhance retail experience for visually impaired in tie up with MORE Retail and Mithra Jyoti, an NGO.

"The AI reads the environment, providing voice-based responses to guide shoppers through store aisles which are customised to each retail store," it said.

JNPA finalises tariff settlement with DP World unit NSICT

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) said it has finalised tariff settlement with NSICT, part of DP World (DPW), an UAE Government company, which operates a container terminal called NSICT in JNPA, thus ending a longstanding legal dispute.

"The details of the settlement are being worked out. Broadly this will involve additional cargo commitment by NSICT which will enable them to become eligible for volume discounts which will kick in once the volumes touch certain levels," JNPA said in a statement.

Volumes to rise

Given that the volumes had gone down to more than half of what they were prior to the tariff dispute this is expected to result in substantial increase in cargo volumes, it said.

In 1997, JNPA awarded a terminal concession to DP World. NSICT, DP World's Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), entered into a 30-year concession agreement with JNPA.

Dispute arose in 2005 when full royalty as a cost was disallowed, leading NSICT to file claims worth about ₹2,653 crore against the JNPA.

"Following arbitration proceedings and conciliation process a compromise formula was agreed upon. The settlement determined ₹705 crore as amount adjustable via future volume-based royalty discounts until the remaining period of the concession," JNPA said.

Ola Electric lays off up to 1,300 staff, wraps up restructuring drill

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Bhavish Aggarwal-founded electric scooter manufacturing firm based in Bengaluru Ola Electric, said by March end it completed the 'restructuring exercise' it commenced in November 2024 with 'an aim of accelerating root to profitability.'

''We have completed the restructuring plan that we began in November last year. All layoffs were part of our attempt to remove any talent redundancy existing across the organisation," a company spokesperson told *The Hindu*.

As part of the restructuring aimed at improving margins, reducing costs, and enhancing customer experiences, Ola Electric laid off between 1,000 and 1,300 employees in the past five months, according to a senior executive who was also laid off by the company in mid- March.

"The company was in a hurry to finish off the layoff and was busy firing people in the months of February and March. Every day they let go of some 50 to 60 people in these two months."

New store hires

However, sources at Ola Electric said, the company opened 3,200 stores in the last three months and a large number of people were hired to manage these outlets. In addition, the company also hired techies for its cell manufacturing facility, Gigafactory.

''Therefore, Ola Electric's total number of people on rolls have not really reduced even after the restructuring," he insisted while refusing to divulge the number of employees post restructuring.

Job hunting: 3,118 employees posted their CVs on Naukri.com in the past three months. REUTERS

Close to a dozen Ola Electric employees have Spoken to *The Hindu* to share their concerns after they were laid off without any prior intimation.

Random calls

"Some 5 or 10 of us individually would get random surprise calls from HR asking us to come to a room where we would be asked to tender our resignations. No other option would be given but on the spot resignation on the HR portal. We were not even allowed to take a picture of our resignation letters,'' said an employee who was part of the product team.

Someone who worked with the engineering team said, "I was about to wind up my day on March 27th. Out of the blue, comes an HR call asking me to resign instantly and go on garden leave for three months."

No variable pay

Most of these employees said they would be getting their salaries for three months, but won't be receiving their variable pay which is due in April. "Depending on seniority, employees were expecting a variable payout in the range of ₹60,000 to ₹6 lakh and above in April," lamented a terminated senior staff who was part of the marketing team.

CVs flood job sites

The EV job market seems flooded, in the last three months, with CVs from employees or former employees of Ola Electric.

For instance, in the last three months, some 3,118 Ola employees posted their CVs on Naukri.com, an Indian employment website.

From Tamil Nadu alone, some 525 Ola employees posted their CVs and from all of South India some 1,820 people floated CVs on the portal exploring new positions.

Of these 3,118 people who applied on Naukri.com, some 232 are in the ₹30 lakh-plus per annum salary bracket, 86 people in the ₹50 lakh-plus salary range and 45 people in the ₹70 lakh per annum range.

Some 94 directors, senior directors and associate directors who held key leadership roles at Ola Electric are part of those who posted their resumes on the portal in the last three months.

Some of them include managerial positions across HR/talent, revenue management, research, marketing, sales and engineering.

'Matter of concern'

"This means most of Ola's senior managers are looking for jobs. In a real sense, the number of Ola employees who are looking out will be far more, because some must be job hunting only on LinkedIn.

The firm is hit big time on various fronts: product quality issues, unsatisfied customer service and low employee morale. This is unthinkable in the Indian auto market, which is high-tech and future-oriented. It is a matter of concern and the onus to fix it is on the board of Ola," said B.S. Murthy, CEO, Leadership Capital, a CXO search firm.

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PRAKALP'25: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham(AVV), Bengaluru, Hosts the Third Edition of its Annual Science Expo

The third edition of PRAKALP'25, the annual science expo at AVV, Bengaluru, saw participation from over 250 students across 13 colleges and drew an audience of 1,000 students. The event provided a platform for students to share their projects and engage in discussions about scientific and technological innovations. In line with the theme for National Science Day 2025, the Science Expo featured 31 hardware projects and 34 software projects. Along with the projects, there were several interactive activities aimed at engaging the students. PRAKALP'25 successfully provided a space for students to showcase their projects, share ideas, and learn from industry professionals, all while focusing on sustainability and the ever-growing fields of IoT, AI, and Robotics.

Abhinandan 2025 Organised at REVA University

Premier Educational Institution, REVA University, organised Abhinandan 2025 at its campus. Abhinandhan 2025 is a laudatory ceremony organised by the Career Development Centre at REVA University, honouring the efforts of students who have secured coveted positions in renowned companies. This year, the Centre has surpassed all expectations by achieving a remarkable placement record, setting a new benchmark for the university. With 400+ companies visiting the campus and 30+ international recruiters participating, REVA continues to expand its global footprint. Dr. P. Shyama Raju, the Chancellor of REVA University, expressed his pride and delight in witnessing the remarkable accomplishments of his students year after year. Adding to the grandeur of the occasion, Mr. Manroop Singh, Head of Talent - Acquisition Operations & University Relations, XPERI; Mr. Vinay Shivapur, Regional Head, Talent Acquisition - TCS; and Mr. Mohammed Fahad, University Recruiting & Relations - India Lead - Microsoft graced the event as Chief Guests. Abhinandan 2025 promised to be a momentous occasion, celebrating the achievements of REVA University students and reaffirming the University's commitment to excellence, innovation, and industry relevance. As theplacement drive continues, the prospect of even more success looms on the horizon.

The International Conference on Metaverse in Business and Commerce: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities (ICMBC 2025)

The Department of Commerce PG organized The International Conference on Metaverse in Business and Commerce: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities (ICMBC 2025) in collaboration with Birmingham City University, United Kingdom and EuroMid Academy of Business and Technology, Turkey. The Chief Guest, Mr. Owais Rasool Bhat, Executive Director, Audit Partnership, emphasizing on the evolution of metaverse and AI transforming the retail sector by enhancing customer engagement, building brand awareness, and enabling innovative marketing strategies without geographical limits. The guest of honor, Mr. Matthew Coe, Manager, Audit partnership highlighted about the leveraging AI. A major highlight of ICMBC 2025 is its meticulously curated sessions, led by renowned experts in the field. The conference gave opportunities for paper presentation and Scopus indexed paper publications.

Presidency university successfully hosts global education fair 2025

Giving the students of Bengaluru a golden opportunity to study abroad, Presidency University organized a mega education fair recently. More than 60 internationally acclaimed universities from 14 countries participated in this fair. Top universities like UCL, Kings College London, University of Auckland, Macquarie University, UC Davis and Indiana University were present at the Presidency University campus in Yelahanka to guide those students who wish to do their UG, PG or hD courses from abroad. Students from several schools and colleges attended the global education fair and connected with the representatives of various participating universities. The education fair was inaugurated by Dr. Vijayan Immanuel-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Siva Perumal-Pro VC and Dr. Sameena Noor Ahmed Panali-Registrar. Speaking on this occasion Dr. Siva Perumal highlighted the importance of globalization in the higher education sphere and expressed happiness at the response received both from renowned universities as well as the students of Karnataka.

CHRIST University Hosts one-day Workshop on Structural Health Monitoring

The Department of Civil Engineering at CHRIST University, Kengeri Campus, organized a one-day workshop on "Structural Health Monitoring (SHM). The event, sponsored by industry leaders Mantis Infra Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Gantner Instruments, LUSAS Software, and Duodecimal, brought together experts, industry professionals, research scholars, faculty, and students to discuss advancements in SHM—a technology critical for assessing infrastructure safety through sensors, AI, and data analytics. SHM enables the early detection of structural issues, ensuring public safety and reducing long-term maintenance costs amid growing concerns about aging infrastructure. The workshop commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. Sujatha Unnikrishnan, Head of the Department, who greeted all the esteemed speakers and sponsors. Dr. Raghunandan Kumar, the Dean, delivered the presidential address, emphasizing the significance of SHM in modern infrastructure. Dr. Aniket Bhalkikar and Dr. Jacob Alex coordinated the event and played a key role in ensuring its successful execution. Renowned speakers showcased cutting-edge SHM technologies. The event highlighted the transformative potential of SHM, reinforcing the university's focus on technology-driven solutions for global infrastructure needs.

Study finds shingles vaccine reduced risk of dementia

The Hindu Bureau

The shingles vaccine reduced the probability of new dementia diagnoses by around one-fifth over seven years, according to a large-scale study of a population in Wales, UK. The results were published in *Nature*. This finding suggests that the vaccine could be a cost-effective strategy for preventing or delaying dementia. However, further research is needed to determine whether the observed effects are truly causal and to understand how protection is conferred.

Recent studies have found associations between herpes virus infections and an increased risk of developing dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, raising the question of whether vaccination might have a protective effect. However, testing this hypothesis is challenging, requiring large, matched populations of vaccine recipients and control individuals, along with a long follow-up period.

To overcome common bias concerns, Pascal Geldsetzer from Stanford University and others took advantage of a policy in Wales that dictated eligibility for a vaccine against shingles, also known as herpes zoster. People born on or after September 2, 1933, were eligible for at least one year for the herpes zoster vaccination from September 1, 2013, whereas those born before this date were not eligible. This unique policy allowed the authors to compare vaccine-eligible to vaccine-ineligible individuals who differed in their age by merely a few weeks and were, thus, expected to be similar in all characteristics.

The authors used electronic health data to compare new dementia diagnoses between the vaccine-eligible and ineligible population in a cohort of 2,82,541 individuals born between 1 September 1925 and 1 September 1942. According to a release, the researchers found that receiving the herpes zoster vaccine decreased the relative probability of a new diagnosis of dementia within the seven-year follow-up period by approximately 20%. This effect was greater in women than in men. The percentage of adults who received the vaccine was 0.01% in those merely one week too old to be eligible, but rose to 47.2% amongst those born just one week after the eligibility date. Apart from this increase in vaccine uptake, the two populations, aged merely a few weeks apart, are unlikely to differ systematically, thereby greatly reducing the likelihood of bias in the analysis.

The authors note that research in the form of a randomised trial is needed to test the effect of shingles vaccination on dementia and cognition.

ACTREC's CRISPR-based test detects a rare blood cancer

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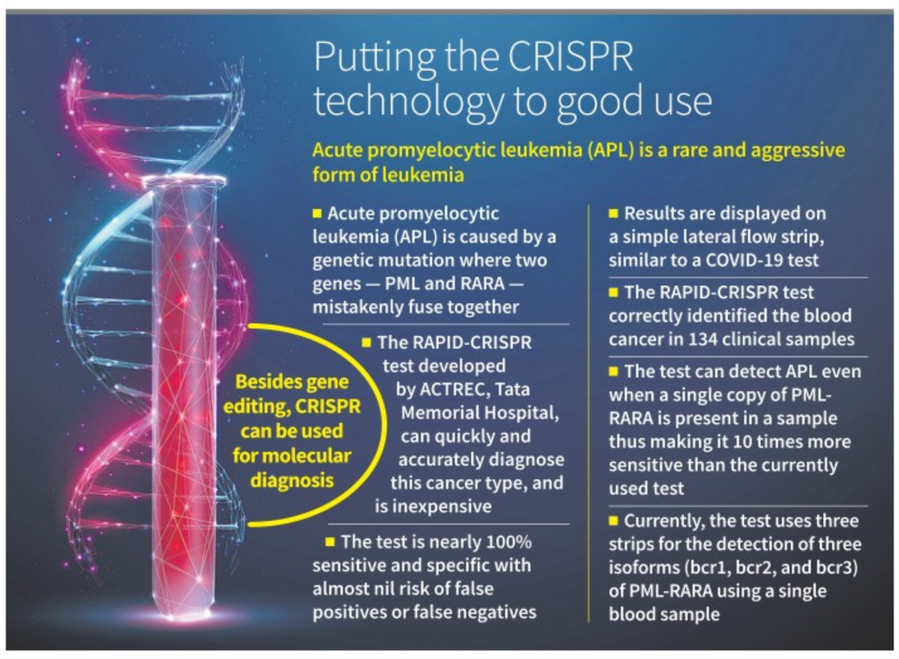
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Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) is a rare and aggressive form of leukemia, a cancer that affects blood cells. It is caused by a genetic mutation where two genes, PML and RARA, mistakenly fuse together. The fusion of the two genes leads to the production of fewer white blood cells and platelets, which reduces the body's ability to fight infections and control bleeding.

What sets this cancer apart from other types of cancer is that it can cause severe internal bleeding in organs such as the lungs and brain, which can result in death within a few days if not treated immediately. But the brighter side is that acute promyelocytic leukemia is highly curable if diagnosed and treated early. Current treatments can cure most patients.

Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) is a subtype of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and accounts for about 10-15% of newly diagnosed AML cases. At Tata Memorial Hospital, we see nearly 50-60 new APL cases annually. The median age at diagnosis is around 34 years, with a male: female ratio of 1.5:1.

The problem, however, is that the tests that are currently available to diagnose this rare type of blood cancer take a long time, which delays life-saving treatment. Moreover, these tests require expensive machines and trained specialists, making them difficult to use in smaller hospitals, rural areas, and developing countries.

Using the CRISPR technology, our team at ACTREC, the cancer research division of Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, has developed a new test called RAPID-CRISPR, which can quickly and accurately diagnose this cancer type. Given the limitations of the currently available tests, the test developed at ACTREC can deliver results in under three hours, costs less than existing tests, and does not require complex laboratory equipment. While the name RAPID-CRISPR reflects the speed of diagnosis, RAPID stands for Redefined Apl IDentification. The study, which was supported by the Department of Atomic Energy, has been published in the journal *Blood Advances*.

The CRISPR-based technology has two applications – besides the well-known role of gene editing, CRISPR can also be used for molecular diagnosis. In this case, the RAPID-CRISPR test is added to a patient's peripheral blood sample in a test tube. The test looks for the cancer-causing PML-RARA gene mutation, which is the cause of this rare blood cancer, in the sample and automatically cuts it. The process of detection of the mutation and cutting it triggers a signal that is detected using a simple, easy-to-read strip similar to a home pregnancy test.

Peripheral blood is sufficient for the diagnosis in 80% of cases. In 20% of cases where the white blood cell count is very low (less than 1,000 cells per microlitre; normal range is 4,000-10,000 cells per microlitre), bone marrow aspiration is an ideal sample for diagnosis.

Since the test is designed to detect the mutation, it has nearly 100% sensitivity and specificity with almost nil risk of false positives or false negatives. Unlike the currently available test that requires specialised equipment to extract and amplify the genetic material, the RAPID-CRISPR test uses a simple process that works directly on patient samples. Hence, the test does not require extensive laboratory setups, expensive machines, or highly trained personnel, thereby making the test affordable and accessible to people. The results are displayed on a simple lateral flow strip (similar to a COVID-19 test), making it easy for doctors to read and act quickly.

Our team evaluated the RAPID-CRISPR test on 134 clinical samples, and in every case, the test correctly identified the blood cancer without any mistakes. Impressively, it detected even when a single copy of PML-RARA was present in a sample, thus making the RAPID-CRISPR test 10 times more sensitive than the currently used gold-standard test (RQ-PCR).

Many hospitals and clinics in developing countries lack the resources to perform complex genetic tests, leading to delays in diagnosis and even deaths where the patients could be saved if the cancer were detected at an early stage. The RAPID-CRISPR test can bridge this gap and ensure that patients receive the right treatment as soon as possible.

Currently, the test uses three strips for the detection of three isoforms (bcr1, bcr2, and bcr3) of PML-RARA using a single blood sample. Our team is working to optimise the assay for a single-tube reaction that can detect isoforms using a single strip.

Since the test does not rely on complex technology, we hope that with further development, this test can become a standard tool in hospitals. The team also intends to refine the technology to make it even easier to use, potentially allowing at-home testing in the future.

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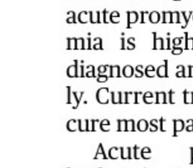
Aquaculture for feeding the world



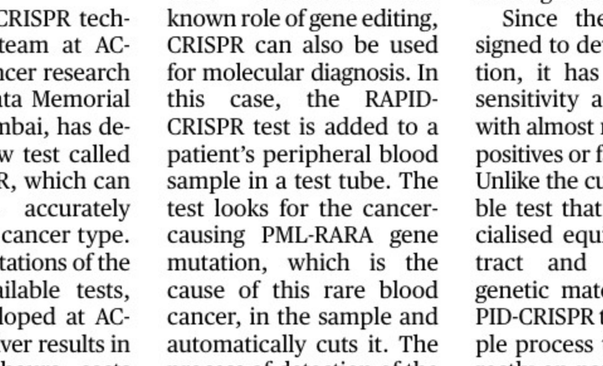
SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

India has made impressive gains in adapting aquaculture for the nutritional demands of its population. It is the third largest producer overall, ranking second in the production of prawns. Andhra Pradesh is by far the largest producer, with West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha making sizeable contributions along with Gujarat.

Dietary preferences, too, have changed – prawns, with their high protein and low fat content, are increasingly in demand both domestically and in the export market. Our aquaculture farms are supported by a network of industries that meet their many requirements, from aquafeed to measures for infection control. Farmers and local entrepreneurs constantly strive to come up with innovative measures that improve the quantity and quality of yield and meet climate change-induced environmental challenges.

The terms prawn and shrimp are often used interchangeably, although they are biologically distinct species. A prized product is the black tiger prawn, *Penaeus monodon*. This high-value marine species is grown wherever the conditions are right, and farmers strive to achieve the market-driven demand for 30 or less prawns per kilogram. Like many other aquaculture species, these prawns require a degree of salinity in their pond water: 10-25 grams of salts per litre of water is optimal (sea water has 35 grams of salts per litre).



Prawns require 10-25 grams of salts per litre of water. GETTY IMAGES

In low-lying farms, such as in the Midnapore district of West Bengal, seawater is brought into aquaculture ponds during high tide. In coastal Andhra Pradesh and in other places, the groundwater is brackish and is pumped out and mixed with fresh water from rivers and canals.

A typical aquaculture pond is about 150 x 100 metres in size, with a depth of about two metres. After each production cycle of four-six months, the water is emptied, and the pond is dried in preparation for the next harvest. An enterprising farmer, Siva Rama Rudraraju of Bapatla district in Andhra Pradesh, has successfully advocated smaller ponds for better yields of prawns along with better control of pathogens. Smaller ponds help in containing economic losses when disease outbreaks occur, and bacterial pathogens such as *Vibrio harveyi* are a serious threat. In India, annual losses can amount to 25% of the expected yield. The white spot syndrome virus can be even more damaging in outbreak years.

Many laboratories now offer tests for identifying infectious agents, and an infected pond is quickly emptied. However, farmers fear the spread of the pathogens to nearby ponds. Crows are usually the culprits, carrying infected prawns and dropping them as they fly home. Plastic nets are often used to cover ponds. Sometimes, hunters are employed to cull the crow population.

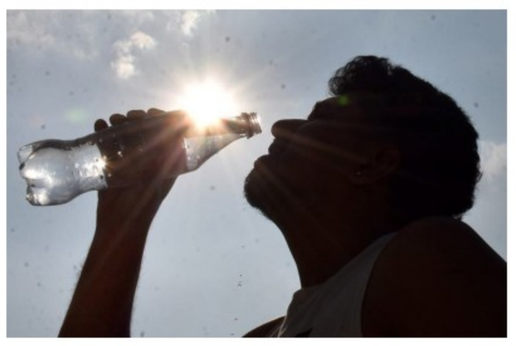
Our farmers adopted other methods for containing pathogens. Probiotics are added to the pond water. These are *Bacillus* bacteria that do not harm the prawn but grow faster than the pathogenic species, outcompeting them.

Another clever strategy involves the young, nursery-reared juvenile prawns that are used as starters in prawn cultivation. The Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIBA) in Chennai has pioneered the development of 'specific pathogen-free' prawn broodstock. Grown in biosecure facilities, these are certified to be free of specific high-risk pathogens. And 'phage therapy' uses bacteriophages that only target *Vibrio* bacteria. Bacteriophages are viruses that infect and kill bacteria.

Whether developed in the field by experienced farmers or from research-driven initiatives, all these measures have led to a 17% growth rate in India's annual prawn production.

(The article was written in collaboration with Sushil Chandani, who works in molecular modelling)

SNAPSHOTS



A study validates lower limits of human heat tolerance

Our ability to maintain a stable body temperature in extreme heat is lower than previously thought, a study found. Volunteers were first exposed to various heat and humidity conditions to identify when thermoregulation becomes impossible. Then they underwent a daylong exposure to conditions just above their estimated limit for thermoregulation. When exposed to 42 degree C with 57% humidity, the core temperature streamed upwards unabated, and participants were unable to finish the nine-hour exposure.

How flowerpot snake could change our view of genetics

The flowerpot snake, one of the world's smallest snakes, has three sets of chromosomes instead of two, and has 40 chromosomes, organised into three subgenomes. By analysing the flowerpot snake's unique genome, scientists are uncovering how the reptile repairs its DNA and prevents harmful mutations. The findings provide insights into genetic repair mechanisms that could deepen our understanding of human gene evolution and also provide insights into human trisomy conditions, such as Down Syndrome.

Weight training protects older people from risk of dementia

A study involving 44 people with mild cognitive impairment – an intermediate clinical condition between normal aging and Alzheimer's – indicating a higher risk of dementia, showed that strength training not only improved memory but also altered brain anatomy. After six months of twice-weekly weight training, the participants showed protection against atrophy in the hippocampus and precuneus and improvements in parameters that reflect the health of neurons.

Question Corner

Avoiding collisions

How do bats avoid collisions while exiting a cave in thousands?

Bats perceive their world mostly through echolocation. Many bats echolocate at once when a whole colony emerges from a cave. As a result, the calls of others are drowned out. Scientists call this loss of acoustic information "jamming". When exiting the cave, bats experience a cacophony of calls, with 94% of echolocation being jammed. Within five seconds of leaving the cave, bats reduced the echolocation jamming. Researchers found that bats made two behavioural changes – first, they fanned out from the dense colony core while maintaining the group structure; and second, they emitted shorter and weaker calls at higher frequency. Bats changed their echolocation to a higher frequency, despite more calls only increasing the problem of jamming. The reason: a bat needs to know only about the bat directly in front. Though most of the information available is missed because of jamming, it does not matter because bats only need enough detail to avoid crashing into the bat in front.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why are student visas being revoked in U.S.?

What is Trump's 'Catch and Revoke' programme? How many foreign students are enrolled in the U.S.?

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:

The Trump administration has cracked down on the visas of anyone suspected of being involved in campus protests or otherwise linked, howsoever loosely, to advocating for human rights in Gaza.

What is the U.S. policy on student visas?

Addressing the student visa revocation issue, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio recently noted that nobody had a right to a U.S. visa, adding, "...We have seen on campuses across the country where students literally cannot go to school... buildings are being taken over, activities going on – this is clearly an organised movement. And if you are in this country on a student visa and are a participant in those movements, we have a right to deny your visa."

Under the aegis of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, the Secretary of State has the authority to revoke visas of foreigners deemed a threat. According to reports, U.S. immigration officials are now said to be also scrutinising new applications for academic (F), exchange (J), and vocational (M) visas, with the intention of refusing visas to those associated with such protests.

Under the second Trump administration's so-called 'Catch and Revoke' programme, Mr. Rubio noted that by March 27, the State Department had already revoked the visas of more than 300 in-country foreign students. Reports suggest there are Indian students too on the list. There were reportedly 3,31,600 Indian students in the U.S. in the 2023-24 academic year, according to the U.S. State Department numbers. Under the 'Catch and Revoke' programme, linked to President Donald Trump signing an executive order in January to counter "anti-Semitic" movements on university campuses, the State Department is said to be using AI-assisted reviews of social media posts by foreign students to decide who among them might qualify for visa revocation followed by deportation to their country of origin.

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In this context, the Trump White House has also signalled its seriousness of intent by tightening the screws in multiple spheres against major U.S. universities, including by cutting hundreds of millions of dollars in annual federal government support to Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins, among others.

How does the govt. monitor such enrolment?

According to the Migration Policy Institute, the number of international students enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities has experienced strong overall growth, soaring from 26,000 international students in 1949-50 to nearly 1.1 million in 2019-20. International students also increased as a share of all students enrolled in U.S. higher education: from 1% to nearly 6% during the same period.

Following the discovery that one of the 9/11 hijackers had entered the U.S. on a student visa but never attended class, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) was set up in 2003 to "collect, maintain, and manage information about all foreign students and exchange visitors" in the country. To this date, SEVIS requires all schools to "submit and regularly update student information in a central database that can be accessed by the government; students who do not appear or who stop attending classes can have their visas revoked and face deportation." In this context, the list of universities at which foreign students have had their visas revoked is long and growing. Besides the above, it includes Arizona State, Georgetown University, University of Minnesota, Cornell etc.

What are the challenges to the policy?

The question of legal remedies is a complex one in this case given that the present immigration enforcement action is not directed against U.S. citizens but against foreigners.

Nevertheless, last week the American Civil Liberties Union published an open letter asking universities to stand up to federal government pressure including surveillance or threats to international students and faculty. The group of academics noted that the protests were defined as protected free speech and assembly, guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment. Additionally, the American Association of University Professors and the Middle East Studies Association are reported to have filed lawsuits against the Trump administration, arguing that targeting students based on their views is unconstitutional and detrimental to academic freedom. Despite this, comments by Mr. Rubio suggest that unless challenged in court, the revocation programme could continue for the foreseeable future.

Will the Waqf Bill usher in transparency?

What are the changes sought in the Waqf (Amendment) Bill? Why are critics and Opposition parties arguing that the amendments encroach upon the religious autonomy of the Muslim community? Will non-Muslims be part of waqf boards? What is the 'waqf by user' doctrine?

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

Parliament passed the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, on April 4, after a nearly 14-hour debate in the Rajya Sabha. The Bill was cleared with 128 votes in favour and 95 against, and has received the President's assent as well. The margin was significantly narrower than in the Lok Sabha, which passed it with a 56-vote lead. Originally introduced last year, the Bill was referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) chaired by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Jagdambika Pal for scrutiny. The report was laid before both Houses on February 13, 2025.

What does the Bill aim to do?

In Islamic law, waqf refers to property dedicated in the name of god for religious or charitable purposes. Proceeds from such properties are typically used to maintain mosques, fund educational institutions, or support the poor. Once designated as waqf, the property becomes inalienable – it cannot be sold, inherited, or gifted. The Waqf Act, 1995 (1995 Act), and its 2013 amendments under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government created the legal framework for managing waqf properties and established State Waqf Boards.

The Bill seeks to amend the 1995 Act, now renamed the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act. It proposes sweeping reforms that significantly expand the government's role in regulating such properties and adjudicating disputes related to them. While the government justifies these amendments as necessary for transparency, critics and Opposition parties argue that they encroach upon the religious autonomy of the Muslim community.

> 'Once a person embraces Islam, they are entitled to all associated rights, including the right to religious dedication'

Institutions Established by Government can be Governed by Government
BUT
How Can Institutions established a Community Governed by Government ???
Including non-Muslims in WAQF boards dilutes the religious intent & purpose these properties were meant to serve.
A law that weakens WAQF is a law that weakens social justice.
#RejectWaqfBill2025

Rupturing social fabric: People hold a protest against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, in Kolkata on April 4. ANI

Who is eligible to make a waqf dedication?

Under the original law, any person, regardless of religion, could dedicate property as waqf. However, the new amendments restrict this right to only those who have practised Islam for at least five years. The Bill now requires individuals to "show or demonstrate" adherence to Islam for this duration to establish a waqf. Dr. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor of Chanakya National Law University, Patna, has criticised this requirement as constitutionally suspect. "Once a person embraces Islam, they are entitled to all associated rights, including the right to religious dedication. This provision also violates the right to equality under Article 14 of the Constitution, as it discriminates against recent converts by selectively barring them from endowing property for religious purposes", he told *The Hindu*.

What about 'waqf by user' properties?

Last year, the government proposed a complete repeal of the doctrine of "waqf by user" – a principle rooted in Islamic legal tradition that recognised properties as religious or charitable endowments based on uninterrupted communal use, even in the absence of formal documentation. However, the JPC report cautioned that dismantling this doctrine could destabilise the legal standing of such properties, many of which have been informally managed by local communities for decades. Accordingly, the new Bill now clarifies that all existing "waqf by user" properties registered on or before the law's enactment will retain their status unless they are disputed as government land.

Will government oversight intensify?

The 2024 Bill reallocated the responsibility of surveying waqf properties from dedicated survey commissioners to District Collectors. It also repealed Section 40 of the 1995 Act, which had empowered the Waqf Boards to initiate *suo motu* inquiries to determine whether a property qualified as waqf, even without official documentation. However, the JPC recommended that such surveys be conducted by senior State officials. Accordingly, the revised Bill now mandates that "an officer above the rank of Collector" survey properties where government ownership is disputed.

"The claim that there was no government oversight is a myth. The existing law already allows the government to issue directions to Waqf Boards, nominate members, and even supersede them. Replacing trained survey commissioners with District Magistrates who are already overburdened undermines institutional capacity," Dr. Mustafa pointed out.

Is there non-Muslim representation?

One of the Bill's most contentious provisions is the inclusion of non-Muslims in key waqf institutions. It mandates that both the Central Waqf Council and State Waqf Boards must have at least two non-Muslim members. It also removes the requirement that the Chief Executive Officer of a Waqf Board should be a Muslim. In line with a JPC recommendation, the Bill stipulates that the State government's representative on the Waqf Board must be a joint secretary-level officer specifically overseeing waqf affairs.

Opposition parties argue that these changes infringe upon the community's constitutionally guaranteed right to manage its religious affairs. However, welcoming the reforms, Dr. Mustafa said, "The diversity of the nation must be reflected in all its institutions, including Waqf Boards, which are statutory bodies. The inclusion of women, non-Muslims, and members of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) is a positive step. The real question is whether similar reforms will be introduced in temple boards as well."

What about financial accountability?

To enhance financial oversight, the Bill introduces a centralised registration system for waqf properties. *Muttawalis* (custodians of waqfs) will be required to upload property details within six months of the law's enactment, and all future registrations must be routed exclusively through this portal to the respective Waqf Boards.

The Bill also seeks to repeal Section 107 of the 1995 Act, which had exempted waqf properties from the applicability of the Limitation Act, 1963. This provision allowed Waqf Boards to recover encroached land without being constrained by the Act's standard limitation period of 12 years. However, critics argue that its removal would permit encroachers to claim ownership through adverse possession, legitimising illegal occupations of waqf land.

What lies ahead?

Congress MP Mohammed Jawed, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi, Delhi legislator Amanatullah Khan, and the NGO Association for Protection of Civil Rights have filed separate petitions before the Supreme Court, contending that the proposed legislation infringes upon constitutionally guaranteed rights to religious freedom and property. "When the constitutionality of a law is challenged, courts begin with a presumption in favour of its validity. Therefore, the burden lies heavily on the petitioner to demonstrate that the law violates fundamental rights," said Dr. Mustafa.

What is the protocol for defence exports?

What are the rules laid down in the Handbook on India's Strategic Trade Control Systems? Why is there a 'harmonised list' on export control of dual-use and military items, including software and technologies? What is the primary objective of strategic export controls on defence equipment?

Dinakar Peri

The story so far:

India's robust legal and regulatory framework on strategic trade continues to guide overseas commercial ventures by its companies, the Ministry of External Affairs said last week. It was responding to a U.S. media report it termed "factually incorrect and misleading", which claimed that Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) supplied items sourced from a British firm to Russia.

What did the MEA say?

The MEA said the Indian entity mentioned in the report has scrupulously followed all its international obligations on strategic trade controls and end-user commitments. It observed that the report had tried to "frame issues and distort facts" to suit a "political narrative". This is not the first time such an allegation has been made. There have been similar allegations in the last couple of years, since the beginning of the Ukraine war in 2022.

Why is the regulation important?

The primary objective of strategic trade controls/export controls is to prevent the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and their delivery systems, as well as the uncontrolled transfer of conventional arms/military items, states the *Handbook on India's Strategic Trade Control Systems* released by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. "Accordingly, India maintains a harmonised list on export control of dual-use and military items, including software and technologies, having potential civilian/industrial applications as well as military and WMD use. It is restricted/permitted under an export authorisation or licence (unless specifically exempted), except for certain items that are prohibited," it states.

> Effective export controls are critical as India looks to significantly expand its defence exports

Larger scale: A model of a Brahmos missile on display at Aero India 2025, at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru, on February 12. PTI

Effective export controls are critical as India looks to significantly expand its defence exports with a current target of reaching ₹50,000 crore by 2029. On April 1, the Defence Ministry announced that defence exports have hit a new high of ₹23,622 crore for FY 2024-25, a growth of ₹2,539 crore or 12.04% over the previous financial year. The government, in the last few years, has taken a series of steps to boost exports by simplifying licensing requirements. As reported by *The Hindu*, defence sources had stressed that in the initial days of the Gaza offensive, Israel had requested artillery shells but India took a policy decision not to supply them; it similarly decided to stay neutral between Russia and Ukraine and took a stand to not supply "kinetic equipment" to either of them.

How does the licensing system work?

India is a member-signatory to international conventions on disarmament and non-proliferation such as the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). India is also a member of major multilateral export control regimes – the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), the Wassenaar Arrangement on munitions and military items; and the Australia Group on biological and chemical items. In line with this, India maintains a list of items controlled for export under the Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies (SCOMET) list. There are eight categories under the SCOMET list and the Department of Defence Production (DDP) issues authorisation for export of Munitions List items covered in Category 6.

According to a December 2024 report, the Defence Secretary informed the Parliamentary standing committee, "I will tell you very briefly that we are exporting to more than 100 countries and most of them are done by our PSUs. But now the private sector is also coming forward. The major platforms we have done are Dornier 228 aircraft, 155 mm advanced towed artillery gun, Brahmos missile, Akash missiles, radar simulators, Pinaka rockets etc. There are many things, but most of the exports are PSU-driven."

What are the steps taken to boost exports?

Various policy measures have been adopted to ease the approval/certifications for Indian firms for defence production while maintaining effective controls. The Defence Products list requiring industrial licences has been rationalised and the manufacture of most of the parts or components does not require an industrial licence. A Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy has also been formulated. The DDP issues the authorisation for export of items on the Munitions List. In a written reply to Parliament in February 2023, the Defence Ministry stated that, "These equipment are exported to different countries all over the world. Names of the countries with whom contracts have been signed and negotiations held cannot be divulged due to strategic reasons."

The Defence Ministry further informed the standing committee that the standard operating procedures for export have been streamlined, an Export Promotion Cell has been set up and DPSUs have been assigned geographical areas for marketing. A Defence Export Promotion Scheme was launched in 2018 to promote Make in India products. A complete end-to-end online portal for receiving and processing export authorisation permission has been developed. The applications submitted on this portal are digitally signed and the authorisation is also issued digitally, improving the pace, according to the Defence Ministry. "The requirement of government signed End User Certification in cases of providing engineering services (transfer of technology) related to Munitions List to Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) countries has been dispensed with," the Defence Ministry said.

PROFILES

Survival of the ruthless

Gen. Min Aung Hlaing

Despite back-to-back setbacks, Myanmar's military chief, who orchestrated the February 2021 coup, manages to cling on to power, thanks to support from Russia and China and lack of coordination between the rebels and the alternative government

Srinivasan Ramani

Less than three hours after a 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar with its epicentre in the Sagaing region in late March, seven persons were killed in an airstrike by the military junta that rules the country in Naungcho in northern Shan State. There were also reports of airstrikes in Chaung-U township in the north-western Sagaing region, besides regions near the Thai border. The UN Special Rapporteur for Myanmar, Tom Andrews, told the BBC that it was "nothing short of incredible" that the junta was doing so after such a major natural disaster. "Anyone who has influence on the military must step up the pressure and make it very clear that it is not acceptable," he added.

Such calls will likely fall on deaf ears. The country with the most influence on the regime, now led by Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, is Russia, which has supplied the junta with MiG-29 jet fighters, Mi-35 Hind helicopter gunships, Mi-17 transport helicopters, besides heavy machine guns and rocket launchers in recent years. In fact, Gen. Min Aung Hlaing's only diplomatic visits by invitation since the February 2021 coup, except for an ASEAN meet in April 2021 and the recent BIMSTEC summit, have been to Russia, China and Belarus.

On February 1, 2021, the military orchestrated the third military coup in Myanmar's independent history to oust the elected civilian National League for Democracy (NLD)-led government. The people of the country reacted immediately. Protests were held in Yangon, Mandalay and all other towns and major cities in the country. The target of their ire was Gen. Min Aung Hlaing to whom the then Acting President Myint Swe transferred power after proclaiming a year-long emergency.

The junta responded to the agitations by shooting at the peaceful protesters. Journalist Bertil Lintner, who has covered Myanmar for years, notes in his book, *The Golden Land Ablaze*, that "specially trained snipers picked out the youngest in the crowds in order to send the message across.."

Gen. Min Aung Hlaing's mindless violence against the civil disobedience movement and mass and youth mobilisations for return to democracy only saw the birth of a fresh resistance movement led by the political opposition to the junta which called itself the "National Unity Government (NUG)" and launched guerilla warfare through the Peoples' Defense Forces (PDFs) in the Bamar-dominated areas of Myanmar. These forces included youth who were targeted by the military during the protests and who fled to border areas to receive military training from ethnic armed organisations (EAO).

Building alliances

The NUG sought to build political and military alliances with the EAOs and some were on board, seeing the military as the common enemy. The junta's reaction to these moves was to unleash another wave of repression, while seeking to co-opt other EAOs who were not involved in the resistance movement. Some EAOs sought to make use of the situation where the junta was bogged down in tackling the resistance to strengthen themselves and soon, three of these – the Shan-State based Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), representing the interests of the Palaung people, the Kokang-based Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) and the Rakhine State-based Arakhan Army (AA) launched coordinated attacks against military bases across northern Shan State.

The attacks, termed 'Operation 1027'– denoting the date of the operations, October 27, 2023 – were launched by the Three Brotherhood Alliance, as the three groups collectively called themselves. Supported also by the resistance forces of the PDFs, the offensive dealt major setbacks to the junta. These included the loss of townships and military bases in Myanmar's non-Bamar regions. The MNDAA succeeded in capturing Lashio, the largest city in Shan State, as well as Laukkai, the capital of Kokang. The Brotherhood Alliance went on to seize most of northern Shan State, including key trade routes with China. The TNLA has been fighting against the junta at the Nawnghkio township in the same area for many months now. The AA, meanwhile, has seized 14 out of 17 Rakhine State townships and Paletwa township in Chin State (both of which are in western Myanmar).

ILLUSTRATION: R. RAJESH

With attacks spreading to the junta's Bamar-majority strongholds in the Mandalay region, many observers have claimed this is the biggest crisis for the junta since its control of governance – fully or otherwise – in the country following General Ne Win's coup in 1962. The defeat and withdrawal of junta forces from several areas in Myanmar has severely dented military's morale. Gen. Min Aung Hlaing has enforced mandatory conscription (two years of service) for men aged 18-35 and women 18-27 to boost ranks. This has led many youth to flee to neighbouring countries.

So why hasn't the junta collapsed under the weight of its challenges? For one, it still retains the strongest firepower, furnished by countries such as Russia, China and even India, according to the Special Rapporteur – the Indian government claims these supplies were met as per "prior commitments". Next, while China's actions against illegal crime syndicates in the border areas of Myanmar due to their menace also led to weaponry flowing to the EAOs and which helped the Brotherhood Alliance gain territory in the civil war, the regional hegemon has also sought to limit the damage against the junta. This has allowed Gen. Min Aung Hlaing ward off immediate threats. The EAOs remain divided, some content to retain their respective "fiefs" and the coordination that the NUG expected between them and the democratic movement remains elusive. This has helped the junta too.

All for power

While the junta was willing to concede power to democratic forces in the 2010s in order to benefit from trade liberalisation following the West's recognition of "democratisation", it was never willing to concede civilian supremacy and wanted to control governance. Gen. Min Aung Hlaing was appointed as a successor by the junta dictator Than Shwe to the post of military chief. With the Aung San Suu Kyi-led National League for Democracy winning the 2015 Myanmar general elections, Gen. Min Aung Hlaing sought to recover state power for the junta by adopting an adversarial relationship with Ms. Suu Kyi. He also sought to position himself as the next President expecting a victory for the junta's proxy party, the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) in the 2020 elections, only to find the NLD winning another landslide. Then he orchestrated the the February 2021 coup.

Clearly, the military which has enjoyed a hegemony in garnering state resources was loath to give up power.

With a more favourable geopolitical situation today – U.S. President Donald Trump withdrawing aid to Myanmar's resistance forces, Russia continuing its support for Gen. Min Aung Hlaing's dictatorship, China orchestrating moves that are driven only by its geostrategic interests in the country, and the Indian government loathe to taking a strong position against the status quo – Gen. Min Aung Hlaing is poised to survive the milieu for the time being.

THE GIST

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An artiste with a view

Prithviraj Sukumaran

The actor-director is in the thick of a controversy after his latest film, *Empuraan*, caused a right-wing backlash over its portrayal of the 2002 riots

S. R. Praveen

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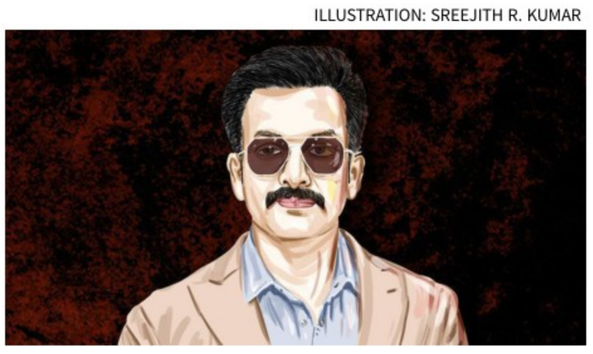

Prithviraj Sukumaran is no revolutionary in the garb of a filmmaker, but the nature and influence of mainstream cinema is such that even a minor attempt at subversion can invite the full wrath of the ruling establishment and make one look so. The Malayali actor-director has been experiencing just that since the release of his third directorial *L2:Empuraan*, starring Mohanlal, which has a 15-minute sequence of what appears to be references to the Gujarat riots of 2002 as well as criticism of central investigative agencies.

The right-wing backlash has been relentless. *Organiser*, the RSS mouthpiece, labelled him the "voice of the anti-nationals", citing his past support for the 'Save Lakshadweep' campaign and the anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protests as evidence. His films, from *Kuruthi* to *Jana Gana Mana* and now, *Empuraan*, were accused of featuring narratives that "whitewash extremist ideologies". Amid the controversies, the Income Tax (I-T) department served him a notice regarding his earnings from co-productions, close on the heels of an Enforcement Directorate raid on one of *Empuraan*'s producers.

Son of actors Sukumaran and Mallika, Prithviraj, who made his acting debut with *Nandanam* in 2002, was frequently in the news during the early days of his career for his outspoken views, which were often branded as arrogance. He had run-ins with Kerala's film bodies, even facing a ban for associating with filmmaker Vinayan who was under a career ban.

Over the years, he has outgrown that rebellious image, with a tinge of diplomacy and a streak of compromise visible in his demeanour now. But this hasn't stopped him from voicing his opinions occasionally.

One of his commendable stances was witnessed in the week following the kidnapping and sexual assault of a woman actor in 2017, an incident that continues to have reverberations in Malayalam cinema. Prithviraj apologised for being part of films that celebrated misogyny and vowed never to essay roles that glorified or justified misogyny. He has mostly stuck to that vow. Last year, after the Hema Committee report on issues faced by women in the industry was made public, Prithviraj said individuals facing harassment allegations should relinquish positions of power and criticised the way the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA) handled the issue.

Business of cinema

From his early days, Prithviraj displayed his acumen for the business of cinema. Within a decade of his debut, he had established a production company and later ventured into the distribution business, earning profits from distributing big-budget Tamil, Telugu and Kannada films in Kerala. Yet, the acting career never took a backseat, with him displaying a willingness to work hard even now, in films like *Aadujeevitham*. He also won noteworthy roles in Tamil, Hindi and Telugu films within a few years. Known for his involvement in every aspect of cinema, including rumours of ghost-directing some films, it wasn't surprising when he made his directorial debut with *Lucifer* (2019), a major box office success.

Even as realistic dramas and fresh themes fetched Malayalam cinema attention from all over, Prithviraj unapologetically stuck to mass entertainers. It aligned with his ambitions of pushing the limits of what was possible in mainstream Malayalam cinema, regarding the budgets, production quality and box office returns. He also mastered the art of aggressively marketing his films. Despite controversies, and somewhat aided by them, *Empuraan* has become one of the biggest commercial successes in the history of Malayalam cinema. The film, which got mixed reviews, has also stirred up political debates nationwide for its portrayal of the Gujarat riots of 2002. However, we are yet to hear Prithviraj's perspective on the issue, including on the 24 "voluntary cuts" to the film. He has maintained a studied silence even as actor Mohanlal made an expression of regret. Perhaps he is waiting for his next movie to do the talking. Or, it could be another attempt at playing it safe.

Art and machines

Studio Ghibli

ChatGPT's latest capabilities, which allow users to create images like those of the Japanese studio in a flash, have triggered a debate about issues such as AI overreach and creative legacy

Sudipta Datta

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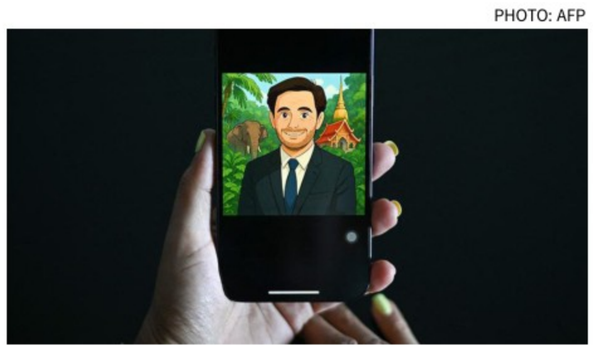


In Studio Ghibli's 2013 film *The Wind Rises*, set in Japan during the Second World War, a crowd scene lasts a few seconds. There are people jostling, goods being transported, a mother carrying two babies, everyone in a tearing hurry to get away. Under the direction of Hayao Miyazaki, who co-founded Studio Ghibli in 1985 with Isao Takahata and others, it took animators more than a year to hand-draw the frames. Miyazaki ensured that no computer graphics were used, for a crowd is not faceless, it is what society is made of, and catching the expression of each person was important.

Last week, ChatGPT showed off its latest image generating capabilities, allowing users to create Studio Ghibli-like images in a flash. Social media was flooded by AI-generated memes and art, seemingly mocking the painstaking years-long process that Japan's famed animation studio has put in behind each film. This frenzy has triggered a debate on whether AI, which can replicate art, will ever be able to catch its nuances.

Studio Ghibli has been making animation films with images built from tens of thousands of hand drawings. It has 24 animated features to its name; the first, *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind*, about a warrior and a peace-maker who struggle to stop war, was released just before the studio's official founding. Early classics include *My Neighbour Totoro* (1988), the story of two girls and their tryst with forest spirits, and *Princess Mononoke* (1997), a girl raised by wolves and her battle with society.

Emotionally immersed in local milieu, the 84-year-old Miyazaki's rich atmospheric, acutely observed work has led to international acclaim too. Miyazaki has got two Oscar nods, for *The Boy and the Heron* last year – he came out of retirement to make the film – and for the magical *Spirited Away* in 2003, in which 10-year-old Chihiro meets a masked spirit and hopes to rescue her parents from a curse.

In her book, *Miyazakiworld: A Life in Art*, Susan Napier writes that Miyazaki, born in war-torn Japan, is sensitive to technological and environmental catastrophe, but that his world adds up to more than apocalypse, female protagonists, and elegiac and utopian visions. "His interweaving of all these elements in an emotionally resonant tapestry makes him an exceptional world builder – like other fantastists Lewis Carroll, Jules Verne, J.R.R. Tolkien and J.K. Rowling," she contends.

'Trauma is universal'

In interviews, Miyazaki has said trauma (war, ruin and his mother's tuberculosis influenced his worldview) is universal, "the kind of thing everyone has – whether you carry it along carefully or try to sublimate it into other forms". But rather than dwell on trauma, Miyazaki pushes for the values of perseverance, resilience, endurance and acceptance in his films.

Napier calls Miyazaki an idiosyncratic genius. The workplace is intense and she quotes Miyazaki describing the frenzied realm of the bathhouse in *Spirited Away* as being modelled on Studio Ghibli, with the cantankerous witch Yubaba, the bathhouse head, serving as a hybrid of himself and producer Toshio Suzuki.

Though Miyazaki has not commented on the AI controversy, in the past, he derided attempts to produce art through machines. Watching an AI model of a figure grotesquely moving on the floor, he said he never wanted to incorporate this technology because it did not understand human behaviour. In the days to come, AI overreach, copyright issues, exploitation of artists and creative legacy will be hotly debated.

Machines can never be allowed to take control of society, Geoffrey Hinton, who pioneered AI, had cautioned. Days before ChatGPT's onslaught, Miyazaki's son, Goro Miyazaki, Studio Ghibli's managing director, told the media that it was a possibility that AI could one day replace animators, but "whether audiences would want to watch a fully AI-generated animation is another matter". Even if old school and new tech collide, viewers will hope Miyazaki and other artists never have to put their pencil down.

TEHRAN

Iran wants talks 'on equal footing' with the U.S., says Pezeshkian

AP

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said his country was willing to engage in talks with the U.S. as equals, but without clarifying whether Tehran would participate in direct talks. "Iran wants dialogue on equal footing," he said. On Thursday, U.S. President Donald Trump had said he preferred "direct talks" with Iran. AFP

KYIV

Zelenskyy slams 'weak' U.S. reply to Russian strike on his hometown

AFP

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy slammed the U.S. embassy for what he called a "weak" statement that did not blame Russia for a missile strike on his hometown which killed 18 people, including nine children. A Russian missile on Friday evening struck a residential area near a children's playground in Kryvyi Rig. AFP

WASHINGTON

"Hands Off!" rallies held across U.S. to protest against Trump and Musk

AFP

Opponents of Donald Trump and Elon Musk rallied across the U.S. on Saturday to protest the administration's actions on government downsizing, the economy and human rights. More than 1,200 "Hands Off!" protests were planned by 150 groups in Washington, D.C., and other locations in all 50 States. AP

MANDALAY

India delivers 442 tonnes of food aid to Myanmar as part of relief

AFP

The Indian navy on Saturday delivered 442 tonnes of food aid to quake-hit Myanmar at Thilawa Port in the southern coastal area to the Yangon region's Chief Minister as part of its ongoing Operation Brahma. On Friday, India, along with other QUAD partner countries committed aid worth over $20 million as part of quake response. PTI

Hang tough, as trade war will not be easy, says Trump after tariffs kick in

A 10% 'baseline' tariff has come into place just after midnight, hitting most U.S. imports except goods from Mexico, Canada; U.S. President calls it an economic revolution, saying the end result will be historic and that the U.S. will emerge victorious

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Saturday doubled down on the sweeping tariffs he unleashed on countries around the world, warning Americans of pain ahead, but promising historic investment and prosperity.

The comments came as Mr. Trump's widest-ranging tariffs took effect in a move that could trigger retaliation and escalating trade tensions that could upset the global economy.

"We have been the dumb and helpless 'whipping post,' but not any longer," Mr. Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"This is an economic revolution, and we will win," he added. "Hang tough, it won't be easy, but the end result will be historic."

Risk and rewards: The White House said the trade gaps were driven by an absence of reciprocity in relationships. REUTERS

A 10% "baseline" tariff came into place just after midnight, hitting most U.S. imports except goods from Mexico and Canada.

The trade gaps, said the White House, were driven by an "absence of reciprocity" in relationships and other policies like "exorbitant value-added taxes."

Come April 9, around 60 trading partners – including the European Union, Japan and China – are set to face even higher rates tailored to each economy.

Already, Mr. Trump's sharp 34% tariff on Chinese goods, set to kick in next week, triggered Beijing's announcement of its own 34% tariff on U.S. products from April 10. Beijing also said it would sue the U.S. at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and restrict the export of rare earth elements used in high-end medical and electronics technology.

"China has been hit much harder than the USA, not even close," Mr. Trump said in his post. "They, and many other nations, have treated us unsustainably badly."

Wall Street went into free fall on Friday, following similar collapses in Asia and Europe. Economists have also warned that the tariffs could dampen growth and fuel inflation.

Cambodia inaugurates naval base renovated by China

Agence France-Presse
REAM

Cambodia's leader Hun Manet said on Saturday there was "nothing to hide" as he inaugurated a naval base renovated in recent years by China, after Washington had voiced concern over Beijing's role in the upgrades.

The United States has said the Ream Naval Base, located off Cambodia's southern coast, could give China a key strategic position in the Gulf of Thailand near the disputed South China Sea, which Beijing claims almost in its entirety.

Cambodian senior officials have repeatedly denied that the base is for use by any single foreign power, following U.S. media reports in 2022 saying that the new facilities at Ream were being built for the exclusive use of the Chinese navy.

Cambodian soldiers march at the inauguration ceremony of the Ream Naval Base in Preah Sihanouk province on Saturday. AFP

Cambodia rolled out the red carpet for a delegation from China's People's Liberation Army for the event.

"From today Cambodia will welcome all friends to hold joint exercises in the Ream base. We have nothing to hide at all," Prime Minister Hun Manet said.

Hun Manet promised that the new and improved facility would not be for Beijing's "exclusive" use and that ships from other countries would be allowed to dock.

Afghans rounded up for repatriation in Pakistan's Karachi

Press Trust of India
KARACHI

Authorities in Karachi have so far rounded up around 300 illegal Afghans to move them to a holding camp after it launched an operation to repatriate them to their country.

"We are following orders of the interior ministry and many Afghans who had Proof of Registration (POR) cards instead of ACC were released," South Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Syed Asad Raza said.

Since Friday, around 300 Afghans holding Afghan Citizenship Cards (ACC), which expire soon, or those without any documentation were brought to the holding facility, Mr. Raza said.

Count of Afghans

He said searches were being conducted daily in Karachi, which has the largest concentration of legal and illegal Afghans, as the law enforcement agencies were directed to enforce the government's decision to repatriate undocumented foreign nationals.

According to official data, the operation targets an estimated 16,138 individuals.

Thousands rally in support of South Korea's impeached ex-President Yoon

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

Thousands protested in the South Korean capital on Saturday in support of disgraced former President Yoon Suk Yeol, who was removed from office a day earlier over his bungled martial law declaration.

South Korea's Constitutional Court unanimously ruled on Friday to remove Mr. Yoon over the December 3 attempt to subvert civilian rule, triggering fresh elections to be held by June after months of political turmoil.

A long wait for the court's ruling had heightened tensions in the Asian nation, fuelling far-right support for Mr. Yoon and weekly rival rallies in capital Seoul.

Braving the elements: Supporters of the ousted former President Yoon Suk Yeol attend a rally in Seoul on Saturday. AFP

His supporters took to the streets in the capital and braved the rain on Saturday, chanting "impeachment is invalid!" and "nullify the snap election!"

Mr. Yoon had defended his martial law attempt as necessary to root out "anti-state forces" and what he claimed were threats from North Korea.

Scenes of jubilation

But there were many scenes of jubilation in Seoul on Friday from those opposed to Mr. Yoon's rule, with people hugging and crying after the ruling was delivered.

Yet Mr. Yoon had found backing from extreme religious figures and right-wing YouTubers who experts say used misinformation to court support for the former star prosecutor.

'Israeli forces struck vehicles marked as ambulances, killing 15'

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

A video recovered from the cellphone of an aid worker killed in Gaza alongside other rescuers shows their final moments, according to the Palestine Red Crescent, with clearly marked ambulances and emergency lights flashing as heavy gunfire erupts.

The aid worker was among 15 humanitarian personnel killed on March 23 in an attack by Israeli forces, according to the United Nations and the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS).

The Israeli military has said its soldiers "did not randomly attack" any ambulances. Military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Nadav Shoshani said that troops opened fire on vehicles that had no prior clearance from Israeli authorities and had their lights off.

But the video released by PRCS on Saturday appears to contradict the Israeli military's claims.

Those killed included eight PRCS staff, six members of the Gaza civil defence agency and one employee of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, also known as UNRWA.

Sport

Verstappen sets a record, snatches pole from McLarens

FORMULA ONE

Associated Press
SUZUKA (JAPAN)

Max Verstappen of Red Bull will start from pole position in the Japanese Grand Prix after turning in the top time in qualifying on Saturday in his final attempt.

McLaren's Lando Norris will also start on the front row while teammate Oscar Piastri will line up in the second row alongside Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

Verstappen claimed pole on his final lap, setting a lap-record of 1m 26.983s around the Japanese circuit. It was the Dutchman's 41st pole.

Norris and Piastri have won the first two races with McLaren threatening to run away with the season – the way Red Bull has in the last four campaigns.

George Russell took fifth and Mercedes teammate Andrea Kimi Antonelli will start sixth.

Verstappen's pole position could also set him up to win his fourth straight race in Japan.

With rain expected for Sunday, the advantage could go to Verstappen who is regarded as the best in F1 in wet conditions.

It's also a chance for Verstappen to break out of a tiny slump. Despite being a four-time defending champion, he has only won two of his last 16 races. Even this weekend he has been put in the shadows by the widely covered driver swap at Red Bull.

Flawless: Verstappen continued his love affair with the Japanese Grand Prix with yet another dominating performance. AP

Verstappen has won 63 F1 races. Only Lewis Hamilton with 105 and Michael Schumacher with 91 have won more.

Japanese driver Yuki Tsunoda was promoted to Red Bull last week, and Liam Lawson – who had been No. 2 to Verstappen at Red Bull – was demoted to Red Bull's second team Racing Bulls.

Neither Lawson nor Tsunoda had great qualifying. Lawson finished 14th and Tsunoda was 15th.

Norris leads the standings with 44 points. Verstappen is next with 36 points, followed closely by Russell (35) and Piastri (34). The second of three qualifying sessions was stopped with eight minutes left on the clocl by a small fire in the grass on the fringe of the track.

The starting grid:

First row: Max Verstappen (Red Bull), Lando Norris (McLaren); **Second:** Oscar Piastri (McLaren), Charles Leclerc (Ferrari); **Third:** George Russell (Mercedes), Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes); **Fourth:** Isack Hadjar (Racing Bulls), Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari); **Fifth:** Alexander Albon (Williams), Oliver Bearman (Haas); **Sixth:** Pierre Gasly (Alpine), Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin); **Seventh:** Liam Lawson (Racing Bulls), Yuki Tsunoda (Red Bull); **Eighth:** Carlos Sainz (Williams), Nico Hulkenberg (Sauber); **Ninth:** Gabriel Bortoleto (Sauber), Esteban Ocon (Haas); **10th:** Jack Doohan (Alpine), Lance Stroll (Aston Martin).

Arsenal drops further back after draw at Everton

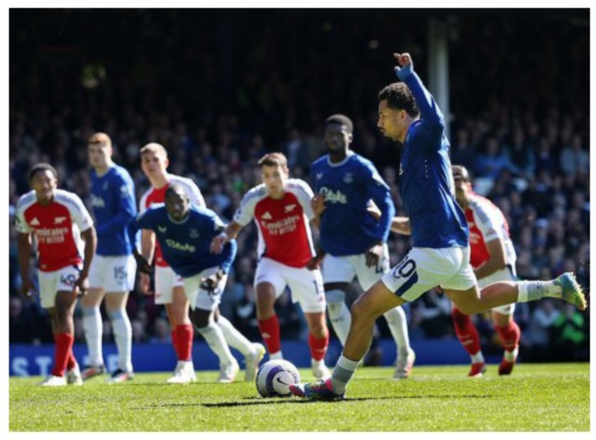
EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
LIVERPOOL

Arsenal's small remaining hope of a first Premier League title for 21 years was further diminished after a 1-1 draw at Everton on Saturday.

The results: Premier League: Everton 1 (Ndiaye 49-pen) drew with Arsenal 1 (Trossard 34); Ipswich Town 1 (Delap 16) lost to Wolves 2 (Sarabia 72, Strand Larsen 84); West Ham 2 (Fullkrug 61, Bowen 68) drew with Bournemouth 2 (Evanilson 38, 79); Crystal Palace 2 (Mateta 3, Munoz 55) bt Brighton 1 (Welbeck 31).

Bundesliga: RB Leipzig 3 (Sesko 24, Baku 43, Poulsen 84) bt Hoffenheim 1 (Bischof 11);



Coolly taken: Ndiaye slots in Everton's equaliser from the spot. GETTY IMAGES

Heidenheim 0 lost to Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Buendia 90+1); Freiburg 1 (Eggestein 88) lost to Borussia Dortmund 4 (Adeyemi 34, Chukwuemeka 51, Guirassy 68, Gittens 78); Mainz 1 (Weiper 75) drew with Holstein Kiel 1 (Bernhardsson 34); Bochum 0 lost to Stuttgart 4 (Chabot 8, Demirovic 11, 48, 85).

On Friday: Bundesliga: Augsburg 1 (Giannoulis 30) lost to Bayern Munich 3 (Musiala 42, Kane 60, Matsima 90+3-og).

NOT MY ROLE

Dhoni still going strong, I don't even ask these days: Fleming

S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

No, it's not my role to put an end to it. I have no idea. I'm just enjoying working with him still. He's still going strong. I don't even ask these days. You are the ones who ask — Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming on rumours surrounding M.S. Dhoni's IPL retirement.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dhoni's parents make a rare appearance, watch CSK-DC game

S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

M.S. Dhoni's parents Devika Devi and Pan Singh watched Chennai Super Kings' IPL match against Delhi Capitals in Chennai on Saturday. It was the first time Dhoni's parents dropped in to watch an IPL game since their son's association with CSK began in 2008. Dhoni's wife Sakshi and daughter Ziva, too, were in attendance.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Archer and Sandeep form a deadly combination: RR skipper Samson

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

That (Jofra Archer and Sandeep Sharma) is a deadly combo — one guy bowling around 150 and another bowling around 115. I can trust them with pressure overs. We all love it when he (Archer) bowls quick. Sandy has been delivering for the past few years. He is one of the best in India — Royals captain Sanju Samson.

HINDSIGHT

We could have built partnerships and taken it a little slow: Shreyas

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

I thought we would be conceding around 180-185... that would have been a great total to chase. Glad that it (defeat) happened at the start of the season. We could have built a few partnerships and taken it a little slow rather than over-attacking — Shreyas Iyer, Punjab Kings captain.

Capitals continue to march on, trample over listless Super Kings

The Chennai side lacks intent while chasing a target of 184 and slips to its third successive defeat; Rahul's knock sets the foundation for the Delhi outfit before tweakers Vipraj and Kuldeep have the host batters in a bind

IPL-18

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Victory and defeat are part and parcel of professional sports.

However, it is the competitive fight shown by the participants that keeps the fans hooked, irrespective of the result.

Unfortunately for the sell-out crowd at the MAC stadium as well as the millions tuned in elsewhere, Chennai Super Kings produced one of the most listless performances in its history to go down by 25 runs to Delhi Capitals in an IPL match on Saturday.

Capitals, electing to bat, made 183 for six, riding on K.L. Rahul's measured effort (77, 51b, 6x4, 3x6).

In reply, the Men in Yellow showed neither the fight nor the willingness to hunt down the target and slumped to their third straight defeat.

Game-changer: Rahul anchored the DC innings and piloted it to a total that proved beyond CSK's reach. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

Same story

As has been the story this season, the five-time champion lost the plot in the PowerPlay, losing three wickets. Mukesh Kumar and Mitchell Starc accounted for Rachin Ravindra and Ruturaj Gaikwad.

Vipraj Nigam then removed Devon Conway, leaving the host struggling at 41 for three in the sixth over.

On a red-soil surface that offered assistance for the tweakers, the visitors gave Super Kings a taste of their own medicine by choking the runs.

Vipraj (two for 27) and Kuldeep Yadav strangled them so much that the home team managed just one boundary between overs seven and 13.

Not enough

Vijay Shankar (69 n.o., 54b, 5x4, 1x6) and M.S. Dhoni (30 n.o., 26b, 1x4, 1x6) rarely attempted the big hits, throwing in the towel long before the final ball was delivered.

Earlier, Rahul showed that a well-devised gameplan and a silken touch could work wonders even in the age of power-hitting.

Noor neutralised

The 32-year-old neutralised Noor Ahmad, CSK's main weapon, by employing the sweep effectively and smashing the left-arm wrist spinner for a six and two boundaries.

He never allowed the spinners to settle down, taking calculated risks like stepping down to launch Ravindra Jadeja down the ground and brought up his half-century off just 33 deliveries.

Abishek Porel, Axar Patel and Tristan Stubbs came up with cameos to help Capitals reach a total that was enough to secure a third straight win.

SCOREBOARD

DELHI CAPITALS
Jake Fraser-McGurk c Ashwin b Khaleel 0 *(5b)*, K.L. Rahul c Dhoni b Pathirana 77 *(51b, 6x4, 3x6)*, Abishek Porel c Pathirana b Jadeja 33 *(20b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Axar Patel b Noor 21 *(14b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Sameer Rizvi c Jadeja b Khaleel 20 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Tristan Stubbs (not out) 24 *(12b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Ashutosh Sharma run out 1 *(1b)*, Vipraj Nigam (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-5): 6; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 183.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Fraser-McGurk, 0.5 overs), 2-54 (Porel, 6.5), 3-90 (Axar, 10.4), 4-146 (Rizvi, 16.1), 5-179 (Rahul, 19.2), 6-180 (Ashutosh, 19.3).

SUPER KINGS BOWLING
Khaleel 4-0-25-2, Mukesh 4-0-50-0, Ashwin 3-0-21-0, Jadeja 2-0-19-1, Noor 3-0-36-1, Pathirana 4-0-31-1.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS
Rachin Ravindra c & b Mukesh 3 *(6b)*, Devon Conway c Axar b Vipraj 13 *(14b, 1x4)*, Ruturaj Gaikwad c Fraser-McGurk b Starc 5 *(4b, 1x4)*, Vijay Shankar (not out) 69 *(54b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Shivam Dube **(Impact Player for Pathirana)** c Stubbs b Vipraj 18 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Ravindra Jadeja lbw b Kuldeep 2 *(3b)*, M.S. Dhoni (not out) 30 *(26b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-6, nb-2, w-10): 18; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 158.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-14 (Rachin, 1.5), 2-20 (Ruturaj, 2.3), 3-41 (Conway, 5.3), 4-65 (Dube, 9.2), 5-74 (Jadeja, 10.4).

CAPITALS BOWLING
Starc 4-0-27-1, Mukesh **(Impact Player for** Ashutosh**)** 4-0-36-1, Mohit 3-0-27-0, Vipraj 4-0-27-2, Kuldeep 4-0-30-1, Axar 1-0-5-0.
Toss: DC. **PoM:** Rahul.
Capitals won by 25 runs.

Next assignment

CSK: April 8 vs **PBKS**
New Chandigarh, 7.30 p.m.

DC: April 10 vs **RCB**
Bengaluru, 7.30 p.m.

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Delhi Capitals	3	3	0	6	1.257
Royal Challengers	3	2	1	4	1.149
Gujarat Titans	3	2	1	4	0.807
Punjab Kings	3	2	1	4	0.074
Kolkata Knight Riders	4	2	2	4	0.070
Lucknow Super Giants	4	2	2	4	0.048
Rajasthan Royals	4	2	2	4	-0.185
Mumbai Indians	4	1	3	2	0.108
Chennai Super Kings	4	1	3	2	-0.891
Sunrisers Hyderabad	4	1	3	2	-1.612

** Till the PBKS-RR match on April 5*

A Royal thrashing for Kings

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
NEW CHANDIGARH

Wrecker-in-chief: Archer rocked the Kings' chase with a couple of wickets in the opening over. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The fate of the Punjab Kings-Rajasthan Royals IPL fixture on Saturday was pretty much sealed once pacer Jofra Archer hit the bull's eye a couple of times in the first over of the second innings.

Chasing 206 is tough, it is even tougher once you lose two wickets within six balls. RR went on to win by 50 runs, thereby consigning PBKS to its fifth straight loss at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Stadium.

The home fans went silent as PBKS lost opener Priyansh Arya and Shreyas Iyer in the first over. Sandeep Sharma sent back Marcus Stoinis and Impact Player Kumar Kartikeya removed Prabhsimran Singh.

Nehal Wadhera (62, 41b, 4x4, 3x6) and Glenn Maxwell's 88-run stand did pump up the crowd, but the high was shortlived.

Maxwell and the local boy perished off consecutive balls while trying to clear the boundary.

The rest of the contest was a formality even though there was confusion whether Royals had more deep fielders than allowed during the final delivery of the evening.

Earlier, Royals amassed 205 for four after being asked to bat first. The 89-run opening stand between Yashasvi Jaiswal (67, 45b, 3x4, 5x6) and Sanju Samson (38, 26b, 6x4) laid the ideal platform for the rest of the batters – led by Riyan Parag (43 n.o., 25b, 3x4, 3x6) – to go big in the death overs.

The first time Samson mistimed a ball, he holed out to his opposite number Shreyas off Lockie Ferguson. Jaiswal – unperturbed by what happened at the other end – latched onto anything loose and punished Yuzvendra Chahal and Stoinis.

Ferguson struck again as Jaiswal missed a slower ball. He could have added another wicket to his tally had Chahal not missed a regulation catch to dismiss Shimron Hetmyer. Parag went berserk after a slow start and made full use of a reprieve by Marco Jansen.

Arshdeep ensured Chahal's miss was not costly as he sent back Hetmyer in the penultimate over. However, Parag and Dhruv Jurel scored 19 off Stoinis' final over to take the score past 200, which proved beyond Kings.

SCOREBOARD

RAJASTHAN ROYALS
Yashasvi Jaiswal b Ferguson 67 *(45b, 3x4, 5x6)*, Sanju Samson c Shreyas b Ferguson 38 *(26b, 6x4)*, Riyan Parag (not out) 43 *(25b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Nitish Rana c Maxwell b Jansen 12 *(7b, 2x4)*, Shimron Hetmyer c Maxwell b Arshdeep 20 *(12b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Dhruv Jurel (not out) 13 *(5b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-2, w-10): 12; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 205.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-89 (Samson, 10.2 overs), 2-123 (Jaiswal, 13.2), 3-138 (Nitish, 14.4), 4-185 (Hetmyer, 18.5).

KINGS BOWLING
Arshdeep 4-0-35-1, Jansen 4-0-45-1, Ferguson 4-0-37-2, Maxwell 1-0-6-0, Chahal 3-0-32-0, Stoinis 4-0-48-0.

PUNJAB KINGS
Priyansh Arya **(Impact Player for Chahal)** b Archer 0 *(1b)*, Prabhsimran Singh c Hasaranga b Kartikeya 17 *(16b, 2x4)*, Shreyas Iyer b Archer 10 *(5b, 2x4)*, Marcus Stoinis c & b Sandeep 1 *(7b)*, Nehal Wadhera c Jurel b Hasaranga 62 *(41b, 4x4, 3x6)*, Glenn Maxwell c Jaiswal b Theekshana 30 *(21b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Shashank Singh (not out) 10 *(13b)*, Suryansh Shedge c Hetmyer b Sandeep 2 *(4b)*, Marco Jansen c Hetmyer b Theekshana 3 *(6b)*, Arshdeep Singh c Hasaranga b Archer 1 *(5b)*, Lockie Ferguson (not out) 4 *(1b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-5, lb-1, w-9): 15; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 155.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Priyansh, 0.1), 2-11 (Shreyas, 0.6), 3-26 (Stoinis, 3.3), 4-43 (Prabhsimran, 6.2), 5-131 (Maxwell, 14.6), 6-131 (Wadhera, 15.1), 7-136 (Shedge, 16.1), 8-145 (Jansen, 17.4), 9-151 (Arshdeep, 19.5).

ROYALS BOWLING
Archer 4-0-25-3, Yudhvir 2-0-20-0, Sandeep 4-0-21-2, Theekshana 4-0-26-2, Kartikeya **(Impact Player for Nitish)** 2-0-21-1, Hasaranga 4-0-36-1.
Toss: PBKS; **PoM:** Archer.
Royals won by 50 runs.

Next assignment

PBKS: April 8 vs **CSK**
New Chandigarh, 7.30 p.m.

RR: April 9 vs **GT**
Ahmedabad, 7.30 p.m.

These losses are annoying and tough to watch, says Fleming

Tarun Shastry
CHENNAI

CSK head coach Stephen Fleming, after the second successive defeat at home and third overall, reflected on his side's performance.

"Three games now... it hurts. These losses are annoying. It has been difficult and tough to watch. It [183] was probably a par score, but we just were not able to chase it down. Today, we brought in (Devon) Conway, but we just lost too many wickets," he said.

"We are still trying to get the combination right. We tried (Rahul) Tripathi with a bit of a licence, but we are back to looking for solidity at the top. Teams have been bowling well against us.

"We are succumbing to pressure and not getting partnerships at the top," said Fleming.

Another one goes... It was a procession at the top of the order for Super Kings. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

DC coach Hemang Badani was delighted with his team's clinical display. "We are happy that we have won three out of three. But it is a long tournament... we want to remain grounded and continue playing good cricket".

Struggling Sunrisers look to revive their fortunes as they face a sprightly Titans

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

Bottom-placed Sunrisers Hyderabad's faltering attack-at-will approach will face another big test when it hosts the sprightly Gujarat Titans here on Sunday. Its ultra-aggressive entertaining style, at the risk of surviving only as folklore, has been found out with teams exposing big chinks in its formidable armour.

For all the talk of SRH breaching 300, it has failed to cross 200 (190 vs Lucknow Super Giants, 163 vs Delhi Capitals) and, most recently, even 150 (120 vs Kolkata Knight Riders).

Lost in the endless talk of its batters coming undone is a bowling unit that has allowed itself to be walked on. Sunrisers' illustrious bowling arsenal has unfortunately been bleeding runs. While glimpses of brilliance from Zeeshan Ansari and Kamindu Mendis are encouraging, they need support from a pace line-up that's being smacked for over 100 runs in every game.

Ironically, for the Titans, home favourite Mohammed Siraj will be one to watch out for, as he comes into this contest on the back of one of his finest IPL spells – three for 19 against Royal Challengers.

While Rashid Khan's economy rate is a concern, Prasidh Krishna's miserly ways and consistency from the likes of Ishant Sharma and Sai Kishore should boost GT's hopes of embarrassing SRH further. With Sai Sudharsan and Jos Buttler in fine form, the batting has settled into a rhythm too. GT enjoys the upper hand, but SRH will hope to return to winning ways with a raucous home crowd behind it.

Today's match

SUNRISERS vs TITANS

Hyderabad, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 4
SRH 1 | GT 3

MEETINGS IN 2024
Match abandoned
GT won by seven wickets

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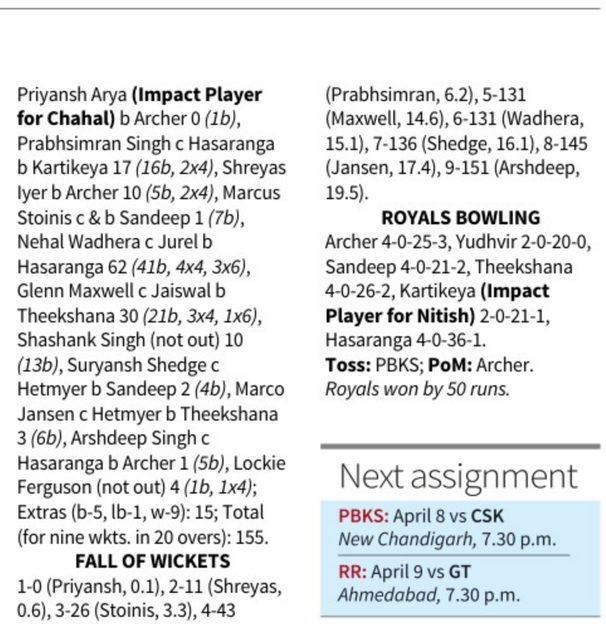

Rundown: Head has blown hot and cold for SRH. K.R. DEEPAK

INBRIEF

Five-star Sears scripts series sweep for New Zealand

Pakistan's brittle batting was exposed again as a Ben Sears-inspired New Zealand won the third and final ODI by 43 runs at Mount Maunganui on Saturday to sweep the series 3-0. The tourist was dismissed for 221 in 40 overs in response to New Zealand's 264 for eight, in a match shortened to 42 overs after a delayed start.

The scores: New Zealand 264/8 in 42 overs (Bracewell 59, Mariu 58; Akif 4/62) bt Pakistan 221 in 40 overs (Babar 50, Sears 5/34). **Toss:** Pakistan. **PoM**: Bracewell. **PoS**: Sears.

Jamwal blanks Malanga, makes 65kg title clash

Abhinash Jamwal blanked Italy's Gianluigi Malanga 5-0 in the semifinals to reach the 65kg title clash at the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025 at Foz Do Iguacu. Jamwal will meet local favourite Yuri Reis in the final. However, Manish Rathore's campaign in the 55kg category ended at the semifinal stage as he lost 0-5 to Kazakhstan's Nursultan Altynbek.

India downs Uzbekistan in 9th-16th places play-off match

India beat Uzbekistan 3-0 in the positional play-off match for the 9th to 16th places in the Asia-Oceania WJT under-14 girls tennis in Kuching (Malaysia) on Saturday. The Indian girls will next play Sri Lanka, a 2-0 winner over Indonesia. Japan, Taiwan and Korea made it to the semifinals, while China was locked 1-1 against Australia with an unfinished doubles rescheduled for Sunday.

The results: Play-off 9th-16th: India bt Uzbekistan 3-0 (Srishti Kiran bt Zlata Nizamieva 6-3, 66-2; Jensi Kanabar bt Muslimakhon Turdimurodova 6-1, 6-3; Srishti & Aaradhya Meena bt Zlata & Muslimakhon 6-3, 6-3).

Bayern's Musiala to miss CL quartefinal first leg

Bayern Munich midfielder Jamal Musiala will miss next week's Champions League quarterfinal first leg against Inter Milan with a hamstring injury, sporting director Max Eberl said on Friday. Musiala was replaced as he clutched his hamstring against Augsburg on Friday and was substituted early in the second half of the match, which Bayern won 3-1. "It doesn't look so brilliant," Eberl said. "He won't be there on Tuesday," he added.

de Bruyne to leave Man City at end of the season

Kevin De Bruyne was hailed by Pep Guardiola as one of the Premier League's all-time greats after the Belgian confirmed on Friday he will leave Manchester City at the end of the season. de Bruyne, 33, has won 14 major trophies since joining City from Wolfsburg in 2015, including six Premier League titles and the Champions League in 2023. He sits second in the Premier League's all-time standings for assists on 118 and has scored 106 goals in 413 appearances for City.

LIVE TELECAST

Formula One: Japanese GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 10.30 a.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 6.30 & 9 p.m.
Football: Legends face-off, SS Select 2 & JioHotstar, 7 p.m.
IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.

FC Goa faces uphill task against Bengaluru FC

Marquez and his outfit bank on home support in the semifinal second-leg clash; the visitor is sitting pretty, thanks to a two-goal win at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium

ISL

Aneesh Dey
FATORDA

There is a popular notion in football that it is always favourable to get a home match in the second leg of a crucial knockout clash. FC Goa will have that luxury as it faces Bengaluru FC in the second leg of their ISL semifinal tie here on Sunday.

However, Manolo Marquez and his outfit will step on the pitch with an uphill battle after losing 2-0 courtesy of a Sandesh Jhingan own goal and an Edgar Mendez strike four days back at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium.

Numerically, Goa was the better attacking team in the opening leg.

Marquez's men had 21 touches inside the opponent's penalty area, 130 passes inside the final third and eight crosses inside the box. However, Gerard Zaragoza's Bengaluru was clinical, creating two big chances and converting one, while Goa created just one and failed to capitalise on the opportunity.

A deficit to overcome, playing in front of home fans and a place in the finals – the Gaurs have plenty of incentives to come out all guns blazing. But as Bengaluru has has shown this season, on its day, it can virtually dominate every department.

"Finally, it's a game. In the regular season, we beat them 3-0. There is always hope. There will be a lot of fans at the Fatorda. We want the supporters to come to the stadium and do as good as or better, if possible, than the Bengaluru FC fans," said Marquez.

Big guns: Mendez was on target for Bengaluru in the opening leg while Udanta is a key player for the Goans. ISL

I hope this match inspires a whole new generation of Indian footballers: Saviola

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

In his storied career, Edmilson, a FIFA World Cup 2002 winner has been part of many El Clasicos. And the Brazilian has no hesitation in admitting that the rivalry between Barcelona and Real Madrid is far more intense than that between Brazil and Argentina.

"It is much higher now," the former Barca player said in the presence of legends from rival club Real Madrid, Pepe and Fernando Morientes, nodded.

"Whenever Real Madrid faces Barcelona, there's always competitiveness. Football is fundamentally about teamwork, dedication and sacrifice," Morientes, a former Spain international, said.

Several legends from Real Madrid and Barcelona will lock horns in an exhibition match at the DY Patil Stadium on Sunday, in their first-ever fixture in India.

"I hope this match inspires a whole new generation of Indian footballers and dreamers," former Barca forward Javier Saviola, who was also at the event, said.

For Pepe, Cristiano Ronaldo was a tougher player to deal with as a defender in comparison to Lionel Messi. "I have to say Cristiano because I train with him. I know how difficult it is (to deal with him), so I have to choose him. Also, I have always had him as a teammate," Pepe said.

"In the last years of my career, I have been able to face him in the Champions League. I choose Cristiano because he has been a footballer who has fought and has given a lot to Real Madrid. He has given a lot to Manchester United, Juventus, the Portuguese national team. He has always won a lot of matches. I know what (it is like) training with him. He has worked very hard."

While most of the players, including Luis Figo have touched base, the remaining few will join the team in the early hours of Sunday.

Ensemble cast: Stars of the game are set to rewind the clock-back in a high-profile fixture. SHAYAN ACHARYA

Sift Kaur. ISSF

Sift wins gold; Esha bags silver in shooting World Cup

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Esha Singh won the silver medal three points behind Sun Yujie of China in the women's 25-metre sports pistol in the shooting World Cup in Buenos Aires on Saturday.

Earlier on Friday, Asian Games gold medallist and World record holder, Sift Kaur Samra won the gold in women's 50-metre rifle 3-position event, with an authoritative fare. She beat Anita Mangold of Germany by 3.3 points, after having topped qualification with 590. After having qualified in the seventh place, Esha shot strong in the final, and was one point away from the eventual champion before the last series.

Manu Bhaker, lost the shoot-off and placed sixth, after having shot 585, the third best score in qualification. India has so far won a gold, a silver and a bronze.

The results: Women: 25m sports pistol: 1. Sun Yujie (Chn) 38 (578); 2. Esha Singh 35 (579); 3. Feng Sixuan (Chn) 30 (584); 6. Manu Bhaker 20 (585); 13. Simranpreet Kaur Brar 576.
50m rifle 3-position: 1. Sift Kaur Samra 458.6 (590); 2. Anita Mangold (Ger) 455.3 (587); 3. Arina Altukhova (Kaz) 445.9 (588); 21. Ashi Chouksey 579; 32. Shriyanka Sadangi 572.
Ranking points only: Manini Kaushik 582; Nischal 576.

Esha.

I-League set for a close finish

P. K. Ajith Kumar
KOZHIKODE

The I-League will come to an end on Sunday with four teams in with a chance to win the title.

Churchill Brothers, Gokulam Kerala, Real Kashmir and Inter Kashi will all take the field with dreams of emerging as the champion.

Churchill plays Kashmir at Srinagar, Inter Kashi meets Rajasthan United at Kalyani and Gokulam takes on Dempo at the Corporation Stadium here.

For Kashi to win the title, it also needs a verdict in its favour from outside the ground.

It had lodged a complaint after losing to Namdhari FC, which, Kashi, said had fielded an ineligible player.

Now, the All India Football Federation's appeals committee has to make a decision. So even a win against Rajasthan may not be enough for Kashi, if the defeat to Namdhari is not reversed.

Draw enough

As for the other contenders, with the table as it is (with the appeal committee's decision pending), Churchill needs only a draw against Kashmir to win the title.

As for the host, it has to beat Churchill by a margin of three goals or more. If Gokulam Kerala has to win its third title, it should beat Dempo and it also needs Churchill to beat Kashmir.

All the matches kick off at 4 p.m.

Hard at work: Gokulam Kerala training ahead of its match against Dempo. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amlan wins the sprint double

Sports Bureau
NADIAD (GUJARAT)

Amlan Borgohain expectedly took the top spot in both the 100m and 200m despite running a visibly slow race at the second Indian Open athletics meet here on Saturday.

Amlan, the national record holder in 200m, was almost a second slower than his best but at 21.27 seconds, it was enough to get ahead of the rest of the field. He won the 100m in 10.59 seconds.

But it was Yashas P. who impressed with a 49.63s win in the 400m hurdles, the only one to manage a sub-50 second timing across the two races.

The results (winners only):
Men: 100m: Amlan Borgohain (Rel, 10.59s); **200m:** Amlan (Rel, 21.27); **800m:** Shakeel (Raj, 1:51.8); **1500m:** Kartik Karkera (Mah, 3:49.87); **5000m:** Naresh Chopra (Navy, 14:27.10); **110m hurdles:** Manav R. (RSPB, 14.22); **400m hurdles:** Yashas P. (Army, 49.63); **long Jump**: Avinash Kumar (Har, 7.69m); **high jump:** Dhairyshil Gayakwad (Mah, 2.05m); **javelin throw:** Sunny Sheoran (UP, 69.93m); **shot put:** Aniket (Utk, 17.7m); **discus throw:** Sahil Chechi (Har, 52.5m)
Women: 100m: Simrandeep Kaur (Del, 12s); **200m:** Simrandeep Kaur (Del, 24.75); **800m:** Pooja (RSPB, 2:09.62); **1500m:** Pooja (RSPB, 4:21.65); **5000m:** Kajal Kanwade (Guj, 16:27.67); **100m hurdles:** Pragyan Sahu (Odi, 13.34); **long jump:** Nirma Bhuraji (Guj, 5.96m; **high jump**: Pooja (Har, 1.85m); **javelin throw**: Lalita Choudhary (Raj, 46.83m); **shot put:** Agrata Melkunde (Mah, 10.42m); **discus throw:** Bhavana Yadav (Del, 52.08m).

Dominant show: As expected Amlan won the 100m and 200m titles. FILE PHOTO: V.V. KRISHNAN

IT's Clarke against Crawford in final

Double delight: The winners Chappell and Lomakin with runners-up Prajwal and Nitin. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

TENNIS

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Top seeds Jay Clarke and Oliver Crawford lived up to their billing as they progressed to the singles final of the S.M. Krishna Memorial Open tennis tournament in Bengaluru in Saturday. While Brit Clarke got the better of India's Chirag Duhan 6-3, 6-3, his compatriot Oliver Crawford defeated Ryuki Matsuda of Japan 6-4, 6-4.

In the doubles final, United States' Nick Chappell and Kazakhstan's Grigoriy Lomakin overcame the Indian duo of S.D. Prajwal Dev and Nitin Kumar Sinha 6-2, 7-6(5).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Mohammed Raheel to lead Karnataka hockey team

Mohammed Raheel Mouseen will lead Karnataka in the Hockey India Senior Men's National Championship to be held in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, from April 4 to 15. Karnataka, in Division-A, is placed alongside Manipur and Puducherry in Pool-D.

The team: Mohd. Raheel Mouseen, H.S. Mohith, M.A. Shan Monnappa, Bharath M. Kurtakoti, P.B. Sunil, B.M. Sheshe Gowda, A.H. Deekshith, C.B. Poovanna, Majji Ganesh, N.R. Ashik, C.P. Livin, C.S. Shamanth, A.A. Desh Poovaiah, C.J. Rahul, I.R. Nachappa, N.M. Surya, M.T. Aryan Uthappa, G. Vishwas.

Coaches: V.S. Vinaya and K.C. Ganapathy.

Shrujan stars for VBC Mandya

Shrujan scored 32 points as VBC Mandya defeated Mallasajjan BC Dharwad 107-73 in a super league match in the final phase of the Karnataka Rural Basketball League in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The results: Super League: Mangalore 75 (Prastik 26, Arjun Shetty 10) bt Kuvempu Kalburgi 51 (Sirajuddin 17); VBC Mandya 107 (Shrujan 32, Amartya 31) bt Mallasajjan Dharwad 73 (Manjunath 29, Karthik 15).